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EGMORE,
31*st October* 1941.

B. S. BALIGA,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE

1758

VOLUME No. XXXVIII.

No. 1.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour of the 26th. August and to return you thanks for the forwarding our Packets to Bombay which have been duly received there.

Our Honourable Masters Ship Tavistock imported here the 5th. Ultimo from your Coast and on the 8th. Instant imported here Ships Hawke, Latham, Lord Anson and York which are all sailed for Bombay, they left England the 5th. June last.

The Geeriah Ketch from Bencoolen bound to Bombay imported here some days since and brought the Accompanying Packet four [*sic*] your Honour &ca. with One for the President and Council of Bengall, which also goes inclosed, she was 47 [. . . .] on her Passage from Bencoolen when our Honourable Masters Ship Falmouth [Capt.] Dale last from St. Helena was there.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant[s]
J. Spencer.
Cecil Bowyer.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.

Anjengo
9th. December 1757.

No. 2.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you by the Oxford Under date of the 31st. May 1756 and also under Date of the 21st. of June following in answer to yours of the 2d. of March 1756 and have since received yours of the 21st. of November last, by the Chesterfield with the Goods Consigned to us in her.

We desire you will send us for the use of this Place,

50 Pair Cotton Stockings of different sizes to cost about 6s. ℔ pair.

5	Pieces of Long Cloth	at	12 Pags. ℔ piece
5	Do. Ditto	at	10 Ditto
5	Ditto Ditto	at	8 Ditto
20	Ditto Ditto	at	4 Ditto
10	Ditto Ditto	at	3 Ditto
20	Ditto Ditto	at	2 Ditto

The Rest of the One ℔ Cent in Arrack, Paddy and Rice.

Enclosed we send you the Annual List of Ships Arrival and Departure to and from this Place.

We are
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Charles Hutchinson.
John Adamson.
John Clarke.

St. Helena
July 4th. 1757.

No. 3.

Translate from the French.

Pondicherry 31st. December 1757.

Gentlemen of the Council
at Madrass.

Gentlemen

We have had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 21st. October last. The Gentlemen of the Council at Fort St. David, have wrote to us and demanded payment of the two Bills of Exchange which the Gentlemen of Chandernagore have drawn on Us, but we have apprised them that We have to deduct from the Amount of those two drafts the sum of 8414. 12. 10 for Sundry Advances made and Assistance given to several of your Gentlemen, Soldiers and others to whom We gave protection in our Colony after the Moores had taken Calcutta. We herewith send you the particular[s] which were transmitted to Us at the time by the Council at Chandanagore wh[ich] who [*sic*] apprised us that there would be some further Charges, however, We only desire to be reimbursed the Amount of the Accounts which have come to our hands, and Accordingly We are ready to pay the Sum of Rups. 26585—3 as.—30 p. for the Ballance of the two Bills of Exchange.

We have the Honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most humble & most Obedient Servants
Duval De Leyrit.
Barthelemy.
Guillard.
Dewaux.
A. Boyelleau.
[. . . . .]
Della Selle.
Delarche.
[. . . . .]

No. 4.

[To the] Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have received your favour of the 22d. Instant We have communicated your Command to Mr. Robert Sloper for his proceeding to Deve Cotah to relieve Mr. James Bourchier, but he begs leave to acquaint You that his present infirm State of Health will not permit him to undertake the Chief Ship of that Place, and that he is of Opinion he must go to Europe for the Recovery of it, He therefore begs your Honour &ct. Permission to proceed to Madras the first Convenient Opportunity, that he may be in readiness to take his Passage. We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Pondicherry concerning the Bills you sent us but have not yet received their Answer.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Hugh Norris.
Richard Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

Fort St. David
30th. December 1757.

No. 5.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have received a Letter from the Council at Pondicherry acquainting Us they are ready to Pay Arcot Rupees 26585—3—30 in full of the two Bills for 35000, the Remaining Rs. 8414—12—10 having been Disbursed by the Council of Chandernagore for the Relief of Several Gentlemen, Soldiers and others who went thither for Refuge after the Loss of Calcutta, they also inform Us they have sent you a particular Account of those Disbursements. We have wrote them in Return that We Cannot take upon Us to receive the Bills in part without your Orders.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Ar. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
[Robert Sloper.]

Fort St. David
1st. January 1758.

No. 6.

[To the] Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

I have so long laboured under an ill state of Health that I have been necessitated to undergo the Severest courses of Medicine, and yet find little relief am at last Obliged to request your Honour &ca. permission to remove me as change of Air the Doctor assures me is the only means left of effecting my recovery. And if it meets your Honour &ca. approval shall be glad of being Stationed at Fort St. David.

I hope your Honour &ca. will not conceive my request in any respect unreasonable, as I have been here above four Years, and nothing would have prompted me to take this Step, but the hopes of thereby reestablishing my Constitution. I remain with the greatest Respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your very Obliged humble Servant
Richd. Brickenden.

Deve Cotah
31st. December 1757.

No. 7.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have received your favours of the 16th. and 20th. October ℘ Boscawen which ship imported here the 9th. of this month. We are sensible of the want your Honour &ca. are in of Salt Petre and the disappointment of your not receiving the quantity consign'd you on the Mer[m]aid Sloop gave us great uneasiness; It was not in our Power afterwards to send you any, as the Arrival of a French Fleet on the Coast put a stop to our sending the Marlbro to your Presidency and deter[red] any Country ships from making the September Trip to your Coast. We are now taking all oppertunities to supply you very amply with that material Article, To which end We have freighted on the Darling Snow four hundred Bags (400) that Vessel being on her departure immediately. We have likewise Laden three thousand Bags (3000) on the Drake a Ship We have taken up to bring us Timbers from the Negrais, and 300 Bags on a small Vessel Mr. Perceval purchased Acct. the Company, We shall send likewise by the Company's Ships stationed to be filld up and dispatched from your Presidency a further quantity of three or four thousand bags, Intending in the whole to Lodge about Ten thousand bags (10000) at your Settlement. As the Coast and Bay Ships are not yet arrived and have not been heard of, We have Ordered Captain Braund to get the Boscawen in readiness to proceed to Europe from hence, purposing to dispatch her with a compleat Lading in February if the Coast and Bay Ships do not Arrive in time to be returned home this Season. In which case one of those Ships must be employed to China in lieu of the Boscawen. The Warwick will be dispatched to your Presidency in January to be fill'd up for Europe unless the Arrival of the Coast and Bay Ships obliges us to alter that appointment, She will have about 500 Bales and as much Salt Peter as She can take in with Seventy Pipes of the Maderra Wine designd for your Coast. We have been Obliged to detain the other Eighty Pipes on And of the great demand there was for Wine, for the Officers of the Navy and Army and for the Consumption of the Inhabitants of this

Place, who are greatly encreased. Should the Coast and Bay Ships arrive here any time next Month, We shall comply with your Request for sending three of them to your Coast, and in that Case We shall return the Boscawen likewise to the Coast to prosecute her Voyage to Canton. The Marborough will leave the River in a few days with a full lading from hence for Europe. By this vessel we forward a Packet under your Address received from Captain Nicholas Webb Commander of the Warwick, which We were obliged to open for the necessary Papers. We have drawn the following Setts of Bills upon your Honour &c^a^. in favour of the underwritten Persons and Request you will Honour them. One sett in favour of M^r^. Dawson Drake for Arcot Rupees 3286—3— being for that amount received here of M^r^. Richard Court. One Sett in favour of Robert Orme Esqr. for Arcot Rupees Twenty thousand (20000) being for that Value received here of Messrs. Manningham and Frankland. One Sett in favour of Messrs. Peter Merriot and Andrew Ross for Arcot Rupees Twenty thousand (2000) [*sic*] being for that value received here of Messrs. Manningham and Frankland. One sett in favour of John Lewin Smith Esqr. for Arcot Rupees seven thousand Eight hundred and forty two (7842) for that value received here of Messrs. Manningham and Frankland. Enclosed we transmit your Honour &c^a^. Invoice and first Bill of Lading for the 400 bags of Petre laden on the Darling Snow amounting to C.R^s^. 6480.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr.*
CHARLES MANNINGHAM.
RICH^D^. BECHER.
W^M^. FRANKLAND.
M. COLLET.
W^M^. MACKETT.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 21ST. DECEMBER 1757.

N°. 8.

TRANSLATION OF A GENERAL LETTER FROM PONDICHERRY.

PONDICHERRY 21ST. JANUARY 1758

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
AT MADRASS.

GENTLEMEN

We have Received the Honour of your Letter of the 14th. Instant and at the same time Seventeen Bags Sealed containing, according to what you write Us 8414 Arcot Rupees 12 Annas 10 Gandas for the Amount of the Chandernagore Accounts which We sent you, We shall forward that sum in the same condition that you have sent it Us, to the Gentlemen of the Council at Fort S^t^. David and it will make a part of the payment of the Bills of Exchange which we are to make good to them.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble & most Obedient Serv^ts^.
DUVAL DE LEYRIT.
BARTHELEMY.
BANSSET.
DEWAUX.
GUILLARD.
LENOIR.

No. 9.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We have received your Favour of the 13th. January and Agreeable to your directions have asked all the Merchants whither they would receive Advances on Account of the Investment at Madras but they having declined it We have Advanced Irshapah Chitty Five thousand (5000) Pagodas and Nellah Chitty Four thousand (4000) Pagodas, We shall debt Cheppermaul Chitty for the Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas advanced him, and beg to know whether We are to carry Linga Chittys Ballance to his Account.

We have received the full Amount of the two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Council of Chandernagore on the Council of Pondicherry, for which the Presidency has due Credit.

We now transmit your Honour &ca. Captain Hume's Plan and Estimate of Mr. Kiernanders House and Ground at Cuddalore, the price he demands for it is 2200 Pagodas, which he declares is considerably less than it cost him.

We are with Respect
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
AR. WYNCH.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. DAVID
2D. FEBRUARY 1758.

No. 10.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

On this Ship We have consigned you 3000 Bags of Petre with some Packing Materials for the Use of your Settlement as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed Amounting to Current Rupees.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHARD BECHER.
M. COLLETT.
WM. MACKETT.

21ST. JANUARY 1758.

N°. 11.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

On this Snow We have consign'd 400 Baggs of Petre for the use of your Settlement as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Current Rupees.

We are
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr*.
&c^A^. Council.

21ST. January 1758.

N°. 12.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

We have already Acknowledged the receipt of your Letters of the 16th. and 20th. October to which we replyed fully under date the 24th. December duplicate of which Letter we now Enclose. It only Remains for Us to advise of your favour ℔ Queenborough being come to hand.

Just after Closing our dispatches for Europe ℔ Marlbro' We had the satisfaction to hear of the Arrival of the Honble Companys Ships Grantham and Elizabeth at Ingelee, they put in at the Brajeles in Company with the Ilchester, Wenester and Fox from which Ships they separated on the 2d. October off the Cape in a Gale of Wind, we suppose they have proceeded to your Presidency first.

The Elizabeth we have Stationed for our Latter ship to Europe, and shall send the Grantham to your Honour &ca. with the Bullion and Gold Received by that Ship as we Imagine it will be acceptable to you and we are in no want of it here.

The Invoices and Other Papers for this Settlement being Enclosed in the Packets for your Honour &ca. We have been Obliged to Open them and have taken out such Papers as we were in want of which we have marked off in the Lists of Packet, the Grantham's Packet you will receive by this Ship, the Elizabeth's shall be forwarded on the Protector with the consignment of Bullion and Gold Imported on her.

On the Warwick which Ship We now dispatch to your Honour &ca. We have laden 200 Tons of Petre and Bales of Goods for Europe. The Bales Received from Vizagapatam and others of your Northern Settlement we consign your Honour &ca. there are likewise in this Ship 60 Pipes of Maderra Wine for the use of your Settlement as ℔ Invoices and Bills of Lading enclosed.

The Duke has been Refitted Agreeable to your Request and was dispatched on the 2d. Instant to Fort Marlbro' with 1500 Baggs of Rice and 1500 of the best Gunny Bags the amount of which and her Repairs We shall debit your Presidency for.

We Landed all the Powder out of the Duke and has kept it for the use of our Garrison as our Store of that Material Article grew very short &c^a^. We do not know how soon we may be in want of it, we Request your Honour &c^a^. will supply us as Largely as you can by the first Opportunitys with good Gun Powder Both for Cannon and Musquetry, particularly the Latter sort.

On the Drake a Ship we have taken up to bring us Timbers from the Negrais for our new works, We consign your Honour &c^a^. 3000 Baggs of Salt Petre with some Packing Stores and Materials; On the Vizagapatam Snow 400 Baggs of Petre Captain Mills has our Orders to proceed to the Negrais as soon as he has deliver'd the beforementioned Petre and we Request you will not detain him, We have Comply'd by the Drake as nearly as we could with the Indents Received from M^r^. Newton and shall Carry the Amount of Stores &c^a^. supplyed that Island with to the Debit of your Presidency.

M^r^. William Fullerton having apply'd to us for Bills of Exchange on the Honourable Company for the Amount of four Interest Notes Lodged with George Pigot Esqr. the Property of William Barwell Esqr. in England for which he Produced M^r^. Pigots Receipt, we have given him Bills for the Amount and Request your Honour &c^a^. will cancel the Bonds at your Board and Advice us of your having done so that we may likewise cancel M^r^. Pigots Receipt, the Particulars of the Bonds are as follows.

One Bond to Messrs. Watts and Amyatt dated the 13th Decr. 1752

Principal Current Rupees	13,[illegible]80	—	—
One D^o^. to Do. dated the 28th December 1757 P^l^.	540	—	—
One D^o^. to D^o^. D^o^. the 20th April 1753 P^l^.	3,056	11	—
One D^o^. to D^o^. D^o^. the 12th May 1753 P^l^.	63,899	14	3

The Warwick has all her proportion of S^t^. Helena Stores on board except Batavia Ârrack which we have not been able to procure at any rate, you will therefore Please to lade three Leaguers on her for the use of that Island.

M^r^. Carter the Deputy Governour of Bencoolen Arrived here on the Grantham, we are preparing the Phenix Schooner to carry him and his Effects to Fort Marlbro' and I shall let that Vessell remain upon their Establishment as she is rather too Large for our River Service, in Return we Request your Honour &c^a^. will order that one of the Schooner's Ordered to be built for the use of the West Coast, be sent to this Place.

We have drawn upon your Honour &c^a^. the following Setts of Bills by this Conveyance which we request you will discharge.

One Sett for Arcot Rupees seven thousand Two hundred and Ninety two eight Annaes (7292) [*sic*] Payable to Messrs. Marriettee and Ross in full for Current Rupees Seven thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five Fourteen Annaes (7875–14) Received here of Messrs. Manningham and Frankland.

One sett for Arcot Rupees Twenty one thousand five hundred and nine three Annaes 21509–3 Payable to Robert Orme Esqr. in full for Current Rupees twenty three thousand two hundred and twenty nine Fourten Annaes and nine Pice (23229–14–9) Received here of Messrs. Manningham and Frankland.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHARD BECHER.
M. COLLETT.
WILLIAM MACKETT.

FORT WILLIAM
21ST. JANUARY 1758.

LIST OF PACKET TO FORT S^T. GEORGE ℔ WARWICK.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 21st. January 1758.
2. Duplicate D^o. . . . . D^o . . . . ℔ Drake.
3. Duplicate D^o. . . . . D^o. . . . . ℔ Vizagapatam Snow.
4. Duplicate D^o. . . . D^o. 21 December 1757.
5. Abstract of the Warwicks Invoice for Europe amounting to Rupees C^t. 627300.
6. Invoice of Vizagapatam Goods sent on the Warwick to Fort S^t. George.
7. Invoice of Sannoes sent ℔ Warwick C^t. R^s. 254.
8. Invoice of Madeira Wine sent ℔ Warwick to Fort S^t. George amounting to C^t.R^s. 10575–10–6.
9. First Bills of Lading for the above Goods.
10. Second Bill of Lading for Goods Laden on Ship Drake.
11. Second Bill of Lading for Petre laden on the Vizagapatam Snow.
12. Second Bill of Lading for Petre Laden on the Darling Snow.
13. Account Tonnage laden on board the Warwick.
14. Copy of the Warwick's Charter party.
15. Copy of Captain Webb's Sailing Orders.

JOHN COOKE
Secretary.

N°. 13.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Pursuant to an order received from the President and Council at Fort William the 21st. Instant to proceed to dispatch this Ship I set out accordingly and Arrived on board this day.

I have mustered the Ships Company and have Received Captain Wedderburns Report of her Gunns and Ammunition and the Captain having signed his Bills of Lading, the said Reports, Muster Roll and first Bill of Lading are enclosed in their proper Places.

A Sloop that was coming down with 33 Bales for Europe and 17 for your Presidency not being Arrived and my orders being to dispatch the ship without Delay I have Endorsed them of the Bill of Lading, I now enclose to you the following Papers Viz^t.

Copy of the muster Roll of the Ships Company.

Captain Wedderburns Report of her Guns &c^a.

Captains Receipt.

The Ships Draws 18. (Feet) 10. (Inch) Forward and 19. (Feet) Abaft, I have delivered the Captain his Dispatches and wish the Ship a Safe and prosperous Voyage and am

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
W^M. HAY.

SHIP WARWICK.
INGELIE JANUARY 29TH. 1758.

No. 14.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Enclosed We transmit you Invoice and Bill of Lading for 30 Chests of Bullion and one Chest of Gold Consign'd you on his Majestys Ship the Tyger Amounting to £ 41187-7- .

This Treasure has not been Weigh'd off here on Account of our having no Troy Weights. The Elizabeths proved extremely deficient by being Weigh'd with Averdupois Weights, tho' the Seals on the Chests were not broken on [*sic*] any way hurt. We request therefore your Honour &ca. will have both these Consignments weigh'd off at your Presidency in the usual manner and inform us how they turn out. Each of the Commanders of these Ships were obliged to Open one Chest of Bullion and make use of some part at Braziles, which we shall make them Account for here. We are,

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr*.
C. Manningham.
Richard Becher.
M. Collet.
Wm. Mackett.
Thomas Boddam.

Fort William
the 29th. January 1758.

No. 15.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

Having learnt there was no Certainty of the Protector's keeping Company with the Squadron, We have Freighted the Elizabeths Treasure on the Queenborough Man of War at one ℔ Cent, for which We now Enclose you Invoice and Bill of Lading Amounting to £ 41022-13-3. The Consignment of Treasure received by the Grantham is likewise freighted on the Tyger upon the same terms. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr*.
&ca. Council.

Fort William
the 29th. January 1758.

No. 16.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

By the Ship George Captain Thomas Cooper who sailed from this Place the 30th. of March last bound directly for Vizagapatam I addressed myself to your Honours, a Duplicate of the General Letter with such other Papers

as were sent at that time are herewith Inclosed. I have now the satisfaction to inform your honours that a Treaty of Friendship and alliance between the Honourable United East India Company and his Majesty the King of Ava and Pegue is at last fully compleated, and to all appearance at this time will terminate greatly to the Advantage and satisfaction of both Parties, a Copy of the Treaty together with a Copy of the whole Proceedings in that affair are now inclosed for your Honours Perusal, and I hope that my Conduct therein will meet with your Approbation. Three Europe Ships Captain Tedd in the Ilchester, Captain Hume in the Fox, and Captain Teddeman in the Worchester arrived here the 27th. Ultimo in their way to Bengal having Recruits on board them for the Honourable Companys Settlements, and as several of the Military and Train had served out their times, and have been very urgent and sollicitous to be relieved and sent to the Coast or Bengal I have judged it to be for the Interest of the Settlement for to comply with their Requests if it was possible, I have therefore represented the affair to the Captains of the Europe Ships who have unanimously consented to make an Exchange by leaving the same Number of Recruits in lieu of those men now sent on board, which are to be delivered at either of the Presidencys of Fort St. George or Bengal, a list of those men received here with their different occupations, and likewise a List of those now sent on board with the time of their service are herewith inclosed together with a General Return of the Military and Train to this time.

I have taken the opportunity by these ships for to supply the Settlement with some Stores which we were entirely without, an exact Account of which is now inclosed and I hope my Proceedings therein will be approved of by your Honours. By the very next Conveyance shall transmit the publick Accounts of this Settlement from 1st. January 1757 to 31st. December inclusive with the whole Transactions and Occurrences to the same time, wherein everything that has happened here for this twelve month past will then be fully mentioned. I think myself obliged in Duty to Advise your Honours that the Honble Companys Cash is now reduced to a low Ebb, the Ballance remaining the 30th. November last being only 18,000 and some Odd Rupees, the Monthly Expence is generally about 4000, and it must of Consequence increase as we go forward with the new Factory at Persaim, so that I hope you will please to take into your Consideration and to send such Supplies by the first Conveyance as shall be judged meet and best. I have received in October last Ten thousand Arcot Rupees into the Honourable Companys Cash for which I have given Bills of Exchange in favour of George Mackay Esquire at Fort St. George, and I hope the same will meet with your Honour's Acceptance. I have received Advice from the Presidency at Bengal that the Hunter Schooner and Syrian Sloop were dispatched for this Island with Stores in September last, neither of which are yet arrived or have been heard of. I humbly hope that your Honours will please to take the State and condition of this Settlement into your Serious consideration, and to Order proper Supplies of Men and Stores to be sent here by the first Conveyances, otherwise I doubt the Country People will imagine that the English have no Designs of Settling in this Kingdom. I have done all that lays in my Power towards cherishing their Friendship and to keep on good terms with the Burmahs, we have lately began to settle a new Factory at Persaim upon the spot of Ground which is given to the Honble Company by the late Treaty, but am very sorry to say that our Improvements as yet go on, but very slowly for want of Artificers and Workmen of all kinds, the few that are remaining here are but of little Service and are very desirous of returning to their Families, I have applied to the Presidency of Bengal for Relief who have promised to send them as soon as they can be procured. I must Request of your Honours if you think it proper I should be continued in this Settlement that you will be pleased to send me some Instructions relating to the manner I should proceed in for the further Improvement of the Island of

Negrais and the Intended Factory at Persaim, having as yet received no Guide nor met with any Rules laid down for my conduct in that Point, you may depend upon it that I shall spare no Pains in endeavouring to forward the Honble Companys Interest, and I hope your Honours will look upon my actions in the most favourable Light accordingly thereto. I am to acquaint your Honours with the Misfortune we have met with in loosing our Long Boat with one European and 13 Black People on board her the very best Lascars we had upon the Island, they were sent out with a Pilot to assist his Majestys Ship Bridgwater Captain Henry Smith Commander who touched here the 25th. of November last in his way to the Eastward, in attempting to go thro' the Channel between the Diamond Island and the La Guard as he struck upon a Reef of Rocks in Sig[ht] of this Island and made a Signal of Distress, as soon as it was perceived here the L[ong] Boat well manned was order'd out to their Assistance, and after they had put the Pilot on board the Ship they were sent to lye at a Grapnel upon the outermo[st] Edge of the Reef as a Guide for the Man of War to proceed with safety thro' the Channel, but Captain Smith afterwards imagining it might be runing too great a Risque with the King's Ship, determined not to venture thro' that passage, and on the 29th. following he stood out of Sight to the Westward intending to go thro' the Channel to the Southward of the La Guard as, the Pilot got safe to the Island, about two days after in a small Boat belonging to the Fort William Guard Ship, but the Long Boat has never since been seen or heard of by us.

I hope therefore your Honours will please to consider the necessity we lay under at this time for either a good Long Boat or some small Vessell to be employed in fetching Turcle for the Military or upon any other Occasion which may be judged necessary for the Interest of the Settlement. As the soldiers here have not received their Cloathing for two years past they are very much out of repair, and as we have now got 2 or 3 Taylors among the new Recruits I propose to sett them to work in making Cloathing for themselves as fast as they possibly can out of some of the Honourable Companys Coarse Broad Cloath and shall deduct the Expence thereof out of the Off Reckonings. I am with all Due Respects

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servt
Thomas Newton.

Negrais
5th. January 1758.

List of the Packet.

	No. 1.	General Letter	January 5th. 1758.
	2.	Copy Letter from Thomas Price at Dagon	January 29 1757.
	3.	Do. Indent from Bengal	February 1. 1757.
	4.	Do. Invoice from Bengal	February 5. 1757.
	5.	Do. General Letter from Do.	February 6. 1757.
	6.	Do. Letter from Bobajee at Kowkong.	
	7.	Do. Letter from Anthonio	March 13th. 1757.
Duplicates	8.	Do. Letter Bobajee at Kowkong	March 13. 1757.
Duplicates	9.	Do. Letter to Captain Charles Miller	March 23. 1757.
	10.	Do. Letter from Captain Charles Miller	March 24. 1757.
	11.	Do. Captain Charles Millers Protest	March 24. 1757.
	12.	Do. Letter to Captain Charles Miller	March 24. 1757.
	13.	Do. General Letter	March 30. 1757.
	14.	Do. General Indent	March 30. 1757.

15 Copy Ensign Robert Lesters Proceedings on an Embassy to the King of Ava &ca.

16 Do Treaty of Friendship & Alliance between the Honble East India Company and the King of Ava & Pegu &ca.

17 List of Sundry Stores Received from the Ilchester, Worchester & Fox . . . Janry. 5. 1758.

18. General Return . . . Janry. 5. 1758.

19 List of the Packet.

No. 17.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

We have received your favour of the 13th. and Agreeable to your Directions shall put Mr. John James Baptist Trimbley the Dutch Agent in Possession of Mr. Kiernander's House and Ground at Cuddalore the 24th. Instant at which time Mr. Kiernanders has promised to deliver it over, the Bill of Sale and Plan annexed shall be transmitted you as soon as compleated. We have this day drawn on you for four thousand (4000) Pagodas in favour of Mr. Robert Sloper value received into Cash here of himself. for which the Presidency shall have due Credit. We are with Respect

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Alexr. Wynch.
Richard Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

Fort St. David
20th. February 1758.

No. 18.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Conformable to the Annual Practice We now Address you under the Established Heads.

First of Investment.

Had our Success in this Material Branch of our honble Masters Affairs been equal to our Endeavours, or the Expectations We had reason to form at the beginning of the Year, from the promises of the Merchants, We should not have the concern to be obliged to repeat our Disappointments, as well for Increasing the Quantity, as Improving the Quality, of the Cloth though we can with great truth assure You, our attention to both those Points has been adequate to their Importance.

The whole of our Investment this year may amount to about six hundred Fifty (650) Bales, an Inconsiderable Quantity in comparison with what We had reason to flatter ourselves at the commencement of the Season, but the low state of our Cash for the greatest part of the Year, would not admit of

our making the Merchants any Advance after the month of July, and indeed had We been more plentifully supplyed with Money, We have great Reason to believe that the Arrival of the French Fleet the 8th. September would have rendered it of no Effect, as the Inhabitants in General were Struck with so great a Panick, that great Numbers particularly Weavers, removed with their Effects nor was it in our power considering the state of Cuddalore to prevent them. As Bowania Shencariah in the three first Months of the Year brought in near fourteen hundred (1400) Pieces of Salam Cloth We were in hopes to have had a very considerable Quantity within the Year, but the continual Disturbances at Salam since that time, has put an entire stop to the only part of the Investment that in any shape kept up to the antient Manufacture. Our Endeavours to improve the Fabrick of the Cloth has been equally unsuccessfull the Merchants having paid very little regard to the many Representations made them on that Head Pleading as usual the great price of Cotton, however to Remedy this as much as lay in our Power, in the Month of March upon Complaint being made by the Gentlemen Sorters of the badness of the Sallampores Midling We came to a Resolution to reduce all of an Inferior Sortment to the Price of Ordinary which has been put in practice ever since that time, & We think has been attended with some good Consequences, as it has partly prevented their bringing in such trash as before, and saves our Honourable Masters two Pagodas ₩ Corge upon all that is of an Inferior Sort. Persheram Pillah has paid in the Course of the Year, One thousand forty (1040) Pags. which has reduced his Ballance to thirteen hundred seventy nine Pagodas, Thirty three fanams, Seven eight Cash (1379—33—78) of which there may be in the Ware House between three and four hundred Pagodas in Turned out Cloth, as he has been now two years under Confinement, And We believe there is but little probability of his paying the remainder, We refer it to your Honour &cas. Consideration what further measures are to be taken with him. Govindah Chitty and Tonneveroy Pillah have done nothing the whole year towards discharging their Ballance, We have frequently called upon Govindah Chitty but can get no other answer from him, but that he waits for his Partner Tonneveroy Pillah's coming down to settle Accounts, We were in hopes there would have been an end put to this excuse by the Arrival of the latter, as your Honour &ca. in your Favour of the 10th. April acquainted us You had Ordered him immediately to proceed to Fort St. David, but he is not yet arrived, and till he does come nothing can be done, either in this Affair or the Collecting in the Debts, of which he delivered You in a List. We therefore hope you will take measures to make him proceed hither to settle his Accounts, and do his part towards discharging the large Ballance outstanding against him and Govindah Chitty. Cawn Moodelairs Ballance remains as in our last Annual Address, We acquainted your Honour &ca. in our Letters of the 15th. April and 30th. June with the measure We had taken to recover [his] Debts, and the many difficulties that impeaded it, also that we had con[fined] Shitumbella Chitty who was Awarded to pay him One thousand sixty (1060) Pags. but positively refused Payment but as in your favour of the 9th. July You referred giving your Sentiments on the Affair 'till another Opportunity the whole has rested there, nor could We have gon [*sic*] on with it, as Cawn Modellaire has been almost ever since in so bad a state of Health as to be incapable of Business. Our Merchants Accounts and List of Investment Accompany this Packet, by which you will observe the Amount of the several Ballances Outstanding the 31st. December 1757 was thirty thousand forty Pagodas, twenty five fanams thirty nine Cash (3040—25—39) of which two thousand five hundred Sixty four Pagodas eight fanams eight cash (2564—8—8) lays with Linga Chitty, three hundred fifty one Pagodas seven fanams Sixty six Cash (351—7—66) with Irshappah Chitty, three thousand one hundred sixty two Pagodas twenty three fanams fifty Cash (3162—23—50) with Nella Chitty, thirteen hundred seventy nine Pagodas thirty three fanams, seventy eight Cash (1379—33—78) with Persheram Pillah, fifteen thousand five hundred thirty

five Pagodas ten fanams Seventy Cash (15535—10—70) with Cawn Moodelaire and seven thousand forty seven Pagodas thirteen fanams Seven Cash (7047—13—7) with Govinda Chitty and Tonneveroy Pillah.

Secondly of Customs and Revenues.

The Abstracts of the Customs Collected at this Settlement for the last Year Compared with the former wait on you in this Packet, by which your honour &c^{a}. will see the Increase and Decrease, the several reasons Assigned for the same are annexed thereto. Cootah is still Indebted Eleven hundred Sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (1166—24—) on Account the Arrack Farm, three hundred seventy five (375) Pagodas on the Old Weighing and Measuring farm and an Addition of Five hundred sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (566—24) on Account of his new Cowle for the Weighing and Measuring Duty, he has been Confined most part of the year, but to no purpose, as We believe he has neither money or Credit so that there can be but little hopes of ever Recovering his Ballance however that it may not Increase We humbly Offer it as our Opinion that the measuring Farm may be left to some more Creditable Person. Agreeable to your Commands for the Speedy Recovery of the three thousand (3000) Pagodas due from Irshapah Chittee and Cawn Modellaire on Account of Deve Cotta Bound Rent, We Called upon them the 13th. May last and acquainted them they were jointly and seperately Bound for each other, and that if they Cawn Modellaire did not pay his half in four months, We should call upon Irshapah Chitty for the whole, which accordingly happened, the Involved Condition of the Farmers Affairs rendering it Impracticable to get any thing from him, We have frequently since demanded the Money of Irshapah Chitty, but he being resolute not to P[ay more] than his half, We have been obliged to put him under Confinement, but he still stifly refuses to have any thing to do with the other half, pleading there was no such clause in the Cowle for the Deve Cotah Bounds, as that of being jointly and Seperately Bound, We therefore wait your Orders how to proceed with him, and here We must observe to your Honour &c^{a}. that in the many Instances of confining Irshapa Chitty, Caun Modellaire, Cootah, Persheram Pillah and Shitumbella Chitty We cannot find they regard it in the least, so that We immagine if some other method is not found out, the Recovery of their several Debts will be very precarious. Sadashawarou is Indebted on Account the Bound Rent two thousand two hundred fifty (2250) Pagodas being Six Months Rent, but he promises to pay in three Months in a few days, and the Remainder within the time limited by his Cowle. Linga Chitty owes six Months Rent of the Trevendaparum and Deve Cotah Bound Rent being Four thousand seven hundred five Pagodas (4705) on the former, and three thousand five hundred Sixty (3560) Pagodas on the Latter, they have been often demanded, but his Agents have given for answer till within a few days, that they had no orders from him to pay in the Rent here, but We suppose as they have received Orders they will discharge the whole in a Short time. All the Other farms have been duely Collected a List of which comes Inclosed.

Thirdly of Debts.

In this Packet We now transmit You a List of Debts Outstanding in last Books.

Fourthly of Expences.

A Calculate of them now waits on you, and We have only to observe that the Considerable Decrease is chiefly Occasioned by the departure of the Regiment to Fort S^{t}. George.

FIFTHLY OF BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

Mr. John Call who had the direction of this Business to the Month of June last and Captain Hume since that time, have been constantly Employed in forwarding the following Works.

The Foundation of the new South Curtain being Settled, all the Arches for the Officers Appartments Guard Rooms Powder magazines and Gateway have been Turned, and the Outer and Inner Revetments having been carried up to their proper heigth, the Earth has been filled in; that in case of necessity they may be as serviceable as possible. The South East Demicounter Guard has been raised from its former level of ten feet to its due heigth, where its Cordon being laid on, a Parapet of Sod work has been raised; but in such a manner that with little trouble and small Expence it may at leisure be faced with Brick. There being one basement of the South West Counter Guard (Commonly called Patches Battery) wanting to compleat that Work, it has been Turned and by carrying up [the] Revetment, laying on the Cordon and making the Parapets of Sod Work, with the same Precautions as those of the South East Demicounterguard and tarassing what had not been finished, has rendered it of Service till further Opportunity. The East side of the Fort having the foundation of a Revelin laid, it has been carried up in a Parsimonious manner, yet with as much strength as its Original Construction would admit and by turning two Arches, One for a Guard Room the other for a small Magazine, has rendered it as usefull as possible, and considerably Augmented the strength of that Front.

The Parapets of the North East & North West Bastions, being very old and Built of Bad Materials, were to have been rebuilt but as new Work could not long resist the Efforts of an Enemy, and being Opposite to a Place from whence We may chiefly expect to be Annoyed they have been Thickned thirteen feet by a Lining of Earth sodded and their Platforms lengthened so as to Answer.

The rising Ground distant three hundred feet from the North Front having been cut down, so as to form a good advanced Covered Way extending from about fifty yards of the North West Salient Angle of the Glacis of the Place, quite round to the East side of the Fort within thirty yards of the River the Platforms, Pallisades, Arrows, Banquetts, Terrassed Guard Rooms and Barriers proper for [such] a Work have been compleated. The Traverses in the covered way of the Body of the Place being in a Ruinous Condition by the Counterscraps giving away, have either been repaired or taken down, and Sodwork ones put in their Room in them care has been particularly taken to preserve the Communications, and to have as many and as safe Communications, as possible Stairs are cut from the Salient Angles of the Counterscarps to within 18 Inches of the Water of the Ditch, and the same has been done in a Couple of Places of the Fause Bray in such parts as are most out of the View of an Enemy. The Repairs in the Body of the Place the West Ravelin, Patches Battery, North East & North West Redoubts, Covered Way, Fausebray, Gallerys and Horn Work, have been considerable. Millitary Barrack, Gentlemen's Lodgings and other Buildings have had the necessary Repairs. Cuddalore Factory House being in so Ruinous a Condition as to be in danger of falling down, has had a proper Repair. The Expectation of his Majestys Fleet made it necessary to Repair Cuddalore Hospital in a Compleat manner. The Cooleys and Lascars have been sufficiently employed in pulling down the Dutch Factory and House Adjoining and carrying away the Materials. The Smiths and Carpenters besides their necessary connection with other works have been Employed in giving a thorough Repair to the Artillery for Garrison and Field, in Shoring up the Horn Works Barracks & many Godowns making mines and Ammunition Boxes, Doors and Windows for the new Officers Apartments, and many other Works. The whole has been conducted with all possible Dispatch and Occonomy [*sic*].

SIXTHLY OF COVENANTED SERVANTS.

Agreeable to your Honour &cas. permission Mr. Charles Turner proceeded to Madras the 27th. June and Mr. Andrew Newton succeeded him at this Board, and in his employs, but the 8th. September when the French Fleet appeared in sight, and were taken for Commadore Steevens' Squadron, he being sent off, was made Prisoner, but return'd the 11th. on his Parole, which the Governour of Pondicherry interpretting as a total Prohibition of acting in any capacity, there was a necessity of disposing of his employs of Military Paymaster and Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam untill his Exchange, which was done by appointing Mr. Norris to the former and Mr. Fairfield to the Latter.

Mr. Newtons coming into council making a Vacancy in the Stewardship, Mr. George Dawson was appointed, Mr. Richard Cooke to succeed him as Under Warehousekeeper and Mr. Thomas Kelsell was put under the Secretary in the Room of Mr. Cooke. The Departure of Mr. Turner and Mr. Call in the Month of June making two Vacancies at the Board of Works, they were filled up by Mr. Fairfield and Captain Hume; Mr. Richard Fitzpatrick having had an Ensigns Commission given him in the Month of December has acted in that Station since that time, In consequence of your giving Mr. Norris permission to proceed to the Presidency for the Recovery of his Health, he departed from hence the 11th. Ultimo. Mr. Richard Brickenden arrived here from Deve Cotah the 6th. Instant and shall be stationed as soon as his Health will permitt. Agreeable to your Orders of the 22d. December Mr. George Dawson will take his Seat at this Board on the Departure of Mr. Robert Sloper to Fort St. George.

SEVENTHLY OF MILITARY & PEONS.

We have nothing to observe under this Head but that the several Rolls have been forwarded in a particular manner by order of the President.

EIGHTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

Our General Books and Accounts with all the Papers us[u]ally transmitted at this Season now wait on you. We are with Respect.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. GEORGE
20TH. FEBRUARY 1758.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants
AR. WYNCH.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.

No. 19.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have waited thus long in hopes of the Wind changing to the southward, but seeing no likelywood [*sic*] of it at present We now forward you our Annual Address and Papers. Our General Books and Accounts shall follow the first Sea Conveyance. We also inclose a Bill of Sale for the House and Ground in Cuddalore purchased of Mr. Kiernander, with a Plan and Discription annexed of which the Dutch Resident has been in Possession sometime. He built the House himself the Ground He bought of two Blackmen, but lost the Bills of Sale in the Storm of 1749. He requests the Purchase Money may

be paid to John Smith Esqr. Being in great necessity for Madeira Wine at this Settlement, We request your Honour &c^a. will send Us a Supply the first Opportunity. We are with Respect

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
A^R. WYNCH.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.

FORT S^T. DAVID
3^D. MARCH 1758.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE.

No. 1. General Letter to the Honourable the President & Council dated 3^d. March 1758.
2. Annual Letter to Ditto . . . dated 20th. February 1758.
3. Bill of Sale for M^r. Kiernanders House & Ground at Cuddalore.
4. Account of Investment for the Year 1757.
5. Calculate of Expences and Revenues for 1756 & 1757.
6. Govindah Chitty and Tonneveroy Pillah their account Current for 1757.
7. Andeapah Moodelaire his Account Current for 1757.
8. Bowania Shencariah his Account Current for 1757.
9. Linga Chitty &c^a. Merchants their Account Current for 1757.
10. Irshapah Chitty &c^a. Merchants their Account Current For 1757.
11. Nella Chitty his Account Current for 1757.
12. Persheram Pillah his Account Current for 1757.
13. List of the Companys Revenues for 1757.
14. Surgeon's List of Deaths for 1757.
15. Surgeon's Indent for Medicines for 1759.
16. Abstract of the Sea and Land Customs of Tevenapatam for 1756 & 1757.
17. Abstract of the Sea Customs of Cuddalore for 1756 & 1757.
18. Abstract of the Land Customs of Cuddalore for 1756 & 1757.
19. List of the Honble Company's Covenanted Servants the 31st. December 1757.
20. List of Debts Outstanding in Books F.F. the 30th. April 1757.
21. List of Christnings, Marriages and Burials for 1757.

RICHARD FAIRFIELD
Secr^y.

FORT S^T. DAVID 3^D. MARCH 1758.

N°. 20.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your Favour of the 27th. Ultimo, and now transmit you a Duplicate of our Annual Address, our General Books and Accounts and Calculate of Quick Stock to the 31st. January last.

It is with concern We are obliged to acquaint You, that We cannot possibly comply with our Honourable Masters directions for sending them a regular Account Sales of the Damaged Calicoes Landed at this Settlement

from Ship Colchester, as upon the strictest enquiry in the Warehouse We cannot find that any particular Account was kept of them, nor do We find from Mr. Cookes Report of the 28th. April 1753 when he was ordered to sell the Damaged Wrappers in the Warehouse, but to keep the Colchester's 'till further Orders, that any further notice was taken of them, in January 1755 the Warehousekeeper made a Report of a Large Quantity of Damaged Wrappers remaining in the Godowns (but mentioned nothing of any belonging to that Ship) which he was Ordered to Sell at Publick Outcry and in this Quantity We have great Reason to believe they were included, as upon Enquiry We find they had been promiscuously mix'd with the other Wrappers, which was certainly a great piece of Negligence, but as Mr. Cooke sold off the greatest part of the Old Wrappers in June 1753, there could remain but little more than had been received from [the] Ship. But notwithstanding the Reason there is to imagine they [were] Included in the sale of April 1755, yet as they were mixed [with] the other Wrappers of which a Quantity had been received as well as Issued for Packing and Sale from June 1753 to that time, renders it impossible to draw out a just and regular Account Sale of them, nor can We pretend to assign any Reasons for the then Deputy Governour and Councils Neglect in this Affair but if We might presume to give our Openion, there is no way left to adjust this Matter, but by taking the medium of the Outcry made in April 1755, which stands thus.

	Cov.	Ps.				
Wrappers Long Cloth	103	2	Sold for Pags.	2,265	11	20
Sallempores	82	2		907	1	60
			Pagodas ..	3,672	13	—

the Loss on the above Sale Amounts to Pags. 1322—25—58 and the Charges Rewashing the Colchester's Wrappers to Pagodas 64—2—60.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Ar. Wynch.
Richard Fairfield.

Fort St. David
10th. March 1758.

P.S.—We forward the Packet overland for fear of the Quick Stocks Arriving too late, but the Books shall follow by his Majestys Shop Tryton the Bales are putting on board with all possible dispatch but We fear cannot be done under three days.

No. 21.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have laden on board His Majestys Ship Triton 324 Bales, Invoice for which shall follow overland, We have about 100 Remaining which the Commander could not take in. We have paid Freight as he chuses to receive it at Madras. We now forward Indents for Wares and Stores wanting at this Settlement. Mr. Bodle has presented His Bill which with his Servants Wages amounts to thirty three (33) Pagodas ℔ Month. We have received your Favour of the 7th., the Rupees and Broad Cloth turn out agreeable to Invoice.

We are with Respect
Your most Obedient Humble servants
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Ar. Wynch.
Richard Fairfield.

Fort St. David
11th. March 1758.

INDENT OF GOODS WANTING FOR IMPORT WAREHOUSE VIZ^T.

FORT S^T. DAVID MARCH 11TH. 1758.

	Bales.	Bales.	p^s.
BROAD CLOTH FINE			
Scarlet fine	6		
Yellow fine	1		
Blue fine	1		
	—	8	—
BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY			
Red	10		
Yellow	2		
	—	12	—
MADEIRA WINE	..	15 Pipes.	
PERPETUANOES	..	1	
PERPETUANOES ORDINARY Green Embroid.	..	1	
CAMBLETT Blue	..	—	6
VELVETT Green	..	—	2
WHITE LEAD	1 Candy.		
RED LEAD	1 D^o		
RED OAKER	1 D^o.		
LEAD	150 D^o.		
SALT PETRE	150 D^o.		

RICHARD COOKE.
Sub W. H. Keeper.

FORT S^T. DAVID 11TH MARCH 1758

INDENT OF SUNDRY STORES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON FOR THE WHOLE YEAR VIZ^T.

IRON Bar	300	Three hundred Hundred Weight.	
Bolt	40	Forty	Ditto
NAILS Four penny ..	5	Five	Ditto
Six D^o. ..	10	Ten	Ditto
Ten D^o. ..	10	Ten	Ditto
Twenty four D^o. ..	5	Five	Ditto
Thirty D^o. ..	5	Five	Ditto
Spikes of Sorts ..	10	Ten	Ditto
LOCKS Stock. . Small ..	18	Eighteen.	
Pad. . of sorts ..	36	Thirty Six.	
Scrutore	18	Eighteen.	
Splinter	36	Thirty six.	
HAND BELLOWS	12	Twelve pair.	
WYRE Brass	1	One hundred Weight.	
Iron	1	D^o.	D^o.
Europe Twine and Coarse ..	6	Six	D^o.
Brass nails	5000	Five thousand.	
Brass Cocks	6	Six	
Muscovy Lights	6	Six	
Smiths Bellows	4	Four pair.	
Anvils	4	Four	
Files of Sorts . . . Large ..	180	One hundred eighty	
Rubbers	48	Forty Eight.	
Rasps	24	Twenty Four.	
Pincers	12	Twelve Pair.	
Hand Vices	6	Six.	

INDENT OF SUNDRY STORES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON FOR THE WHOLE YEAR VIZ^{T}.—*cont.*

Screw Plates . . . Small ..	6 Six.
Sledge Hammers	6 Six
Hand D°.	12 Twelve.
Claw D°.	24 Twenty four.
Two foot Rules	12 Twelve.
Gimblets of sorts	60 Sixty.
Augers D°.	18 Eighteen.
Hand Saws Small	6 Six.
SEA COAL	200 Two hundred Bushels.
LINES Log	120 One hundred & twenty Skains.
Hand	24 Twenty four Ditto.
Hambro	36 Thirty six D°.
Deep Sea	12 Twelve D°.
Mar	500 Five hundred D°.
Bolt Rope needles	100 One hundred.
Tar	12 Barrels Twelve.
Canvass	12 Bolts Twelve.
Lin seed Oyl	5 Five Jars.
Wood Ditto	3 Three Jars.
Garden Shears	6 Six.
Grind Stones	3 Three
Teak Plank of 1 & 2 Inches,	200 Two hundred.
D°. from 2½ to 4½ inch thick ..	150 One hundred fifty.
Sheathing plank	800 Eight hundred.
Teak Timbers large and small	100 One hundred.
Joices	40 Forty.
Spars	12 Twelve.
Cordage of 1½ Inch	6 Six Coils.
2 D°.	6 Six D°.
2½ D°.	6 Six D°.
3 D°.	3 Three D°.
3½ D°.	3 Three D°.
4 D°.	3 Three D°.
4½ D°.	3 Three D°.
Ratlines 9 Threads ..	9 Nine D°.
12 Threads ..	6 Six D°.
Stationary	4 Four Chests.
Dark Lanthorns	6 Six.
Small Hand Jacks	2 Two.

RICHARD FAIRFIELD,
Storekeeper.

FORT ST. DAVID 12TH. MARCH 1758.

INDENT OF ORDNANCE STORES &C^{A}. WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON VIZ^{T}.

BRASS MORTAR Compleat 13 Inch	1 One.
ROUND SHOTT 6 Pounder	1500 Fifteen hundred.
4 Pounder	2000 Two thousand.
3 Pounder	1200 Twelve hundred.
2½ Pounder	800 Eight hundred.
SHELLS 10 Inch	500 Five hundred.
Hand Granados	1108 Eleven hundred & Eight.

INDENT OF ORDNANCE STORES &CA. WANTING FOR THE USE OF THE GARRISON VIZT.—*cont.*

FUZES 10 Inch	..	400 Four hundred.
5½ D°.	..	1000 One thousand.
4½ D°.	..	2000 Two thousand.
Sulpher	..	10 Ten Candy.
Rosin	..	100 Pound.
Antimony	..	1 Maund.
Copper Kettles	..	2 Two.
Engine for Drawing Fuzes	..	1 One.
Brass Shott Guages	..	1 One Sett.
Hair Brushes	..	2 Two.
Druging Boxes Copper	..	2 Two.
Hand Barrows	..	30 Thirty.
Europe Cartridge Papper	..	3 Rheams.
Bengal Cartridge Papper	..	150 Rheams.
Europe Twine	..	3 Candy.
GUNPOWDER CANNON		
Fine	..	400 Barrels.
Iron Trucks	..	100 One hundred.
Linch Stocks for Portfires	..	10 Ten.
Gun Screws with boxes for 3 Pounder.		4 Four.
Spint Perpendicular	..	1 One.
Chalk	..	500 Pound.
Spirits of Wine	..	10 Gallons.
FIRELOCKS Bayonet Pieces	..	500 Five hundred.
Buccaneer Pieces	..	1000 One thousand.
Brass Drums	..	4 Four.
Wooden Drums	..	6 Six.
Bulgar Hides	..	10 Ten.
Tallow	..	200 Pounds.
Tanned Hides	..	10 Ten.
Painting Brushes	..	50 Fifty.

RICHARD FAIRFIELD,
Military Storekr.

N°. 22.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

This is purposely to enclose your Honour &c^a. Account Quick Stock of this Settlement, also an Indent for Stationary.

I am with Respect.
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servant
JAMES BOURCHIER.

DEVE COTAH
9TH. MARCH 1758.

INDENT OF STATIONARY FOR DEVE COTAH.

Paper Midium	10 Quire.
Demy	5 D°.
Post	20 D°.
Quills	1500
Sealing Wax	3 lb.
Penkinives	6
Ink Powder	12 Papers.
Straps	2
Rulers { round 2, Flat 2 }	4
Scissors	2 Pr.
Sand Boxes	1
Pencils	12
Pounce	1 lb.
Red Tape	3 bundles.
Ink Glasses	2
Fountain Do.	2
Blue Blotting Paper	12 Quire.

JAMES BOURCHIER.

DEVE COTAH
8TH. MARCH 1758

N°. 23.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

This wait on you by Captain Brogdon late Commander of the Restitution, the Invoice and Bills of Lading for the three hundred twenty four (324) Bales Laden on his Majestys Ship Triton come enclosed. We also transmit you Copies of two Accounts delivered in by Ensign Stephen Smith, one of which shews the Disbursements made by him on the English Prisoners, the Ballance due to him of Rupees 422–14–2 We have discharged, the other Account is to shew Ballance that still remains due to the Prisoners.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
AR. WYNCH.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. DAVID
13TH. MARCH 1758.

N°. 24.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

A Vessell being under dispatch for your Place We take that opportunity to Inform you We have Landed the Red Wood your Honour &ca. put on board the Boscawen for China and shall keep it for the use of our Works in consequence of Captain Brohiers representing it to be the properest kind of Timber for Piling; You will therefore please to provide another Loading of that Article for the Boscawen who will be dispatched to your Presidency the beginning of March. We have the pleasure to Advice you of the Arrival of the

Fox in the River and that the Worcester and Ilchester are in Ballasore Road. The consignments of Treasure and other Goods by these ships for your Settlement We shall send up by the first Opportunity. Mr. Mackett has forwarded on the Squadron a Letter under your Address and another for your Select Committee both received by the Fox.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
CHAS. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BECHER.
MICHL. COLLET.
WM. MACKETT.
THOMAS BODDAM.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 7TH. FEBRUARY 1758.

No. 25.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

As there will be no Opportunity of forwarding the Packets for your Presidency received ℔ Ship Ilchester till the Middle of March if We omit the Present Conveyance, We have therefore thought it most adviseable to send them by this Sloop with a Box of Private Letters received by the Ilchester and are.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junior*.
RICHARD BECHER.
CHARLES MANNINGHAM.
MICHL. COLLET.
WM. MACKETT.
THOMAS BODDAM.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 11TH. FEBRUARY 1758.

No. 26.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIRS

Because we are informed that a Dutch Pilot called Govert Van Weller, run away last Year with a Comppany's Sloop from Mallacca, and meeting in that Street a Chinese Vessell has made himself master of her, murdered the Crew and sailed to the Nicobar Island where he has run the Sloop on shore after having saved the Goods out of her that the same murder'd there a free Merchant of Mallacca who was one of his Passengers, afterwards embarked on Board of Captain Gallopins Brigantine and arrived at Madras with some of his accomplices where he is Still remaining. We desire you to cause that Pilote with his Gang immediately to be arrested, and deliver'd up to Us, as having made themselves guilty of Piracy, murder, and Rubbery [*sic*], and hearing also, that many Effects belonging to our Company have brought on

Shore out of Captain Gallopins Brigantine, we hereby require you to cause them to be secured and You'll much oblige those that remain with the utmost Respect

SIRS

PULLIACAT
MARCH THE 16TH. 1758.

Your most Obedient and Humble Servants
LUBERT JOHN VAN ECK.
Ns. DESONCHEERE.

No. 27.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &cA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Your favours of the 19th. October and 30th. November have duely reach'd Us, and it is with great Pleasure We can advise you of the Arrival of our Honourable masters Ships Hawke, Latham, York, and Lord Anson, on the 27th. Ultimo, They left England on the 5th. June and touched no where, 'till they reached Galle, but We have no Accounts of the Prince Edward, tho' our last Advices from Gombroon are dated the 29th. November, We however hope, she may have gained the inner Passage and in case of her not succeeding, have lodged Orders at our Coast Settlements, for the Commanders repairing directly hither, as its now too late for her to proceed from thence to Gombroon and arrive here in time to be returned home, with the York and Lord Anson, agreeable to our Honble Masters Orders, The Tavistock having been docked within these few days, the Commander has tendered her to Us, which we have declined, on considering how much her Demorrage would be encreased by admitting her into the Service here; That the Hawke is distined for China and that your Honour &ca. will in all Probability, receive an Account of what Articles are most in demand at that Market, by the time she may arrive with you, whereas We never gain any Advice of it, till late in the Season, and your Honour &ca. having returned the Norfolk and Princess Augusta home, likewise induces Us to decline Captain Jenkins's Tender lest you should be disappointed in sending some of the Coast and Bay Ships to China in their Head though should We hear nothing of the Prince Edward before the Tavistock's Departure, We shall consider, whether it may not be most adviseable to dispatch her home with the York and Lord Anson and in such case, shall give your Honour &ca. immediate Advices of it, and wish on that Account, that you had transmitted Us Copy of her Charter Party, as well as an Account of the Lead and Red Wood on board her, which was omitted. We heartily participate in your Honour &ca. Joy occasioned by the happy Revolution in Bengal, which we first learnt from private Advices, and transmitted it over Land to our Honourable Masters, under the 28th. October.

Having received Directions to build Two Sloops for the West Coast, We shall be glad to know if your Honour &ca. have any particular Instructions regarding them. Commodore Stevens having permitted Us to put some Iron Works for Gun Carriages on board his Majesty's Ship Yarmouth, which We have received for your Honour &cas. Service, We enclose an Invoice and Bill of Lading for it, and desire you will forward the accompanying Packet, for John Barrow Esquire Commissary and Paymaster to his Majestys Artillery at Fort St. David, as it contains advice of our having consign'd him the Remainder of the Treasure sent out by the Honourable the Board of Ordnance for the use of Captain Hislops Company, embarked on the Squadron as likewise the money received for the Detachment, now under Captain Hislop's Command on your Coast. Being informed that your Honour &ca. have lately received some Directions from the Company, relative to the right of dismissing any

of their Military from the Service on proper Occasions without having recourse to a General Court Martial, We request your Honour &c^a^. will transmitt Us an attested Copy of them, and forward our Packet for the President and Council at Fort William by a safe sea Conveyance as it gives Cover to one received from England.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
RICH^D^. BOURCHIER.
[*Lacuna*]
JAMES FOULIS.
W^M^. SEAGWICKE.
GEORGE SCOTT.
J. BYFELD.
W^M^. HORNBY.
T^S^. WHITEHILL.
SAM: HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE
17TH. JANUARY 1758.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE

TRANSLATED FROM THE DUTCH.

N°. 28.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
GOVERNOUR OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL & ORIXA
AND TO THE COUNCIL THERE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We have received your Letter of the 27th. March and Yesterday Govert Van Wellen was brought here under an Escort of Seapoys. We are much Obliged to you for apprehending and sending him hither and have the Honour to remain with Respect.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient & humble Servants
L. J. VAN ECK.
N^S^. DESONCHEERE.

PULICAT
THE 7TH. APRIL 1758.

N°. 29.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Since our Address of the 17th. Ultimo by his Majesty's Ship Elizabeth, We have not been favoured with any advices from you, It's with great satisfaction We have to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. with the Arrival of our Honourable Masters Ship Prince Edward at this Presidency on the 23^d^. Ultimo from Acheen, where the Commander found himself under an [*sic*] Necessity of touching for the Refreshment of his Crew We immediately ordered on shore

her Consig[n]ment for Persia Agency, and conformable to what your Honour &c^a^. have been advised, are now sending Goods on board her, to accompany the Yourk and Lord Anson for great Britain, whither We hope to dispatch them by the middle of next month, but are in great want of a supply of Salt Petre, expected by the Thames from Bengal.

Captain Haldane of the Prince Edward informs Us, he parted from the Ships destined to your side thro' Stress of Weather in the Lattitude of 44 N^o^. and did not afterwards meet with him, but We flatter ourselves your Honour &c^a^. have sometime heard of their Arrival in India.

The Commander of the Tavistock has again tendered that Ship but the Prince Edward having reached us We informed him We had no Occasion for her Service, in consequence of which, she now returns with the Lead and Red Wood, your Honour &c^a^. put on board her.

By a Vessell lately come in from Bussorah, We learn the Agreeable news of the Chesterfield, Portfield and Edgcote having got safe into Limerick in June last.

The Friends and Relations of M^r^. William Stratton Writer, having repeated their earnest Applications to us for leave to repair to your Place to settle some Family Accounts, We have acquised [*sic*] in his proceeding on this Ship, but rely on your Honours &c^as^. care that he don't neglect to return by the first Conveyance, after his business is adjusted.

The Commanders of the Revenge and Mahmudy having debted Us, at the rate of three (3) Rupees a Day, for entertaining several Military Officers at their Table in their Passage to Bengal, Assuring Us it is what you allowed Captain Winter of the Delawar in the like Case & having agreed to refund any Excess, should they prove to have been in is informed with respect thereto. We request your Honour &c^a^. will satisfie Us concerning it, and likewise credit this Presidency for 5. 2 which the Latter acquaints Us, the Gentlemen at Fort S^t^. David obliged him to Pay, for the Mahmudys Anchorage tho' freighted by the Honourable Company. We are

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Rich^d^. Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin.
[*Lacuna*]
W^m^. Seagwicke.
George Scott.
J. Byfeld.
W^m^. Hornby.
[*Lacuna*.]
Samuel Hough.

Bombay Castle
25th. February 1758.

N°. 30.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a^ Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

We have already Addressed you by the Conveyance, and have now to acknowledge the Receipt of your favour dated 29th. January. It gives Us great Pleasure to observe so agreeable an Account of our Honourable Masters

Ships, destined to the Bay, as well as of the Return of the Marlbró and Warwick for great Britain and have only to desire your Honour &ca. will forward the accompanying Packet, for the President & Council at Fort William, by the first safe Conveyance.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
RICHD. BOURCHIER.
CHS. CROMMELIN.
[*Lacuna*]
WM. SEAGWICKE.
GEORGE SCOTT.
[*Lacuna*]
WM. HORNBY.
[*Lacuna.*]
SAMUEL HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE
4TH. MARCH 1758.

No. 31.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We have received your Letters of the 20th. and 25th. January to which We shall Reply fully by the Honourable Company Ships We are preparing to dispatch the middle of this month to your Coast. On those Ships We have laden Six thousand Bags of Petre for the Use of your Presidency. We shall likewise Consign you by them seventy five Chests of Bullion and two Chests of Gold. Enclosed We transmitt your Honour &ca. a Letter for the President & Council of Bombay which We Request you will forward thither by an express Pattamar.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
CHAS. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BECHER.
[*Lacuna.*]
M. COLLET.
WM MACKETT.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 6TH. MARCH 1758.

No. 32.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We have taken the Opportunity of the Lyon Sloop Captain Southerland touching here, to send you Our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for January and February.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servts.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. DAVID
24TH. APRIL 1758.

No. 33.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

Since the Arrival of Tonneveroy Pillah We have had Several meetings to Settle his Affairs and recover the debts of which he delivered you a List, but to very little purpose as your Honour &ca. may observe by the List We now enclose you, by which it appears there is very little probability of Recovering any thing, which We are persuaded he knew when he gave in the List of his debts, and Effects he has none, they having been Sold sometime ago by order of the Mayors Court. We now forward you a List of Debts which he says are due to him at Madrass, but which We suppose you will turn out to the same Account as those he said were due to him here, as to the debts said to be due to him by several Merchants in the Country, We cannot see how We can be any way Instrumental in the Recovery of them, as the People are out of our Power, and to prove how far it was from his Intention to Settle his affairs, he has left all his Accounts behind him at Madrass, upon the whole therefore We apprehend there can be little or no hopes of Recovering his Ballance. As to the Ballance due from him and Govindah Chitty which is about Seven thousand Pagodas the latter says that he owes Three thousand which he is willing to Pay at the Rate of two hundred Pagodas ℔ Month and for the remaining Four thousand Pagodas which he says is due from Tonneveroy Pillah, he has as Security of four Houses and a Garden made over to him which may go towards discharging that sum, this is the state of the Affair at present, and We wait your Directions how we are to proceed with them, but We must take the liberty to observe to your Honour &ca. that confining them will have no effect, as We have found by those we have hitherto taken that method with, who have paid no Regard to it in the least.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Ar. Wynch.
Richd. Fairfield

Fort St. David
26th. April 1758.

No. 34.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

I have the pleasure to acquaint your Honour &ca. that I have Ballanced the Storehouse Rupee and Cash Accounts, and have finished the Paymasters Books; These Several Accounts I have keept [*sic*] here, that I might follow as nearly as possible the method of Form observed at Madras.

I was in hopes to have finished also my General Books, but on attempting a tryal Ballance find they do not Strike, yet the difference is so trifling, that I am persvaded [*sic*] a very little attention will discover where the error lyes, but I am prevented puting it into practice by a want of Stationary, which I hope your Honour &ca. will furnish me with a[s] speedily as possible for that purpose.

I must take the liberty to remark to you, that it has ever been a practice here to bring to Account the pay Advanced the Military the first of the Month, in the preceeding Month's Account by which there will appear in our Books.

only eleven Month's pay to the Military brought to Account the month of May 1756 not being extent [*sic*]. I have demanded a reason why this has been done but can obtain no other Solution than it has ever been the Custom since the establishment of this Settlement. If it meets your Honours &c^a^. approval, I will write this charge off in the close of these Books to rectify it in future. The renter is now bringing in the grain contracted for by his Cowle when the whole is deliver'd I shall not fail to acquaint you. This added to what has already been laid in, will amount to one hundred and fifty (150) Garse a much larger quantity I think than this Garrison can ever have occasion for and as by keeping it must suffer much waste by vermin &c^a^. I shall be glad of your Honour &c^a^. directions whether you wou'd have any part of it deposed [*sic*] of. The market price here is not above half what the Company purchased it at.

I am with Respect.
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JAMES BOURCHIER.

DEVE COTAH
27TH. APRIL 1758.

No. 35.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We enclose you the Articles of Capitulation for the Town of Cuddalore which was surrendered to the French Yesterday, which we lay before you ore [*sic*] Reasons for taking this Steps We flatter ourselves it will meet with your approbation. The Prisoners have since been delivered and a proper Receipt taken agreeable to the Article relating to them in the Capitulation.

We are with Respect
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
AR. WYNCH.
P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. DAVID
5TH. MAY 1758.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS on which Alexander Wynch Esquire, Acting Governor and the Gentlemen of Council of Fort St. David in behalf of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, are willing to surrender the Town of Cuddalore to the Count Lally Lieutenant General in his most Christian Majesty's Service and Commander in Chief of the French Forces in India.	
1st. Hostilities against Cuddalore & its Garrison shall cease untill the Articles of Capitulation are agreed upon and sign'd and put into execution.	**Accordee.**
2d. That the Garrison shall have the liberty to march out Drums beating colours flying and shouldered Arms to-morrow morning by 12'o Clock and retire to Fort St. David by the shortest way.	**Accordee pour le depart de la Garrison a Six heures dumatin an lieu de Cattee de Midy.**

3d. That Porto Novo Gate shall be put into the Possession of the French troops by 12'O Clock the same day.

Une Compagnie de Grenadiers due second Battallion du Regiment de lorraine prendra possession a 5 heures cet apres mididela porte de Porte Novo.

4th. That the Inhabitants of Cuddalore shall have liberty to remain in Possession of their Houses and Effects and shall not be molested.

Accorde' pour les habitants qui ne sont passuyets de S. M. Brittanique on que ne sont pas an Service de la Compagnie.

5th. An Officer of the English Troops shall remain in Cuddalore to deliver over the Ammunition Artillery and Stores and shall have the liberty to return to Fort St. David imediately after the Delivery.

Accordé et un Comissaire des guerrisoe transportera a cing heures Aujourdhui dans lá Vellepour Reciveir les et ales portes dens la present Article.

DONE AT FORT ST. DAVID,
MAY THE 3D. 1758.

SEPARATE CONDITIONS.

We agree to send the French Prisoners tomorrow afternoon at 4'O clock to Cuddalore where they shall be received by a Person properly Authorized by the Commander in Chief of the French Army who shall give us a Receipt for them from whence they are to be sent directly to Porto Novo there to remain and not to Act directly or indirectly against the English Nation untill they are regularly exchanged Except in case of Fort St. Davids being taken and if the French Forces should quit the bounds of this Place without taking this Fort, The said Prisoners to be Exchanged for an equal number to those now delivered fifteen days after their retiring from hence.

ALEXR. WYNCH.
P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.

Si Qeulgu Officier on Soldat ou Subject de S. M. Brittanigue pour Cause de Maladie ne Peutetre transporte' dans lefort it luis sera donne une guarde at tou les secours que lue Seront necessaries it it subira le fort du Fort St. David.

One fera sorti les prisoniers francois que sont dans le Fort St. David et it leur Sera' Accordes un passeport pour se rendre so it a Trenquebar soit a Divi Cotay on a Porto Novo et it attendron parcillement le sort du Fort St. Davids it pour entre delivres soit pour etre change's.

Le Capitaine qui commande la Compagnie des Grenadiers ne permittra aneur Officeur ou Soldat dentre danola Ville jusqua se que les troupe de Sa Majeste' tre christienne en auront pres possession demain a Six heures du Matin.

LALLY.

No. 36.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Being deprived of the supplys I expected from Fort St. David by that Garrison being invested, I now take the Liberty to draw on your Honour &ca. for Ten thousand (10000) Rupees in favour of Boocanjee Cossidoss, and hope you will honour my Draught.

I am with Repect
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JAMES BOURCHIER.

DEVE COTAH
8TH. MAY 1758.

P.S. I drew on your Honour &ca. the 4th. instant for 3000 Rupees in favour of Boocanjee which I hope has reached you and that your Honour &ca. duly honoured in. J.B.

No. 37.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

On the 14th. Ultimo we received your favour of the 31st. January. Since our last to your Honour &ca. no material Occurrence has happened, but what the Chief has advised your Secret Committee and which you may depend on his continuing to do so. Ships Yourk, Lord Anson, and Prince Edward were finally dispatched from Bombay the Begining of this Month and we are in daily Expectation of the Hawke. Some days since a ship under Danish Colours formerly called the Success Gally, Anchored in Mayhie Road, and saluted under said Colours, though we are Credibly informed her Commander and Officers are French, and we hear that thirteen French Officers from Mayhie have taken Passage on board the Danish Europe Ship at Callicut bound for your Coast. We are

Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Thomas Hodges.
Titus Scott.
Thomas Satchwey.

Tellicherry
30th. April 1758.

No. 38.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

By this Sloop, the Hertford, Captain Tuckey We forward to your Honour &ca. a Packet Box directed to our Honourable Masters, and in this We also transmit a Packet to accompany the said Box whenever your Honour &ca. have an opportunity of forwarding it, which We request may be by the very first ship that proceeds from Madras to Great Britain. We are obliged to give your Honour &ca. this Trouble, the Ships expected from Bombay having on Account the appearances of the Weather left the Coast without calling here. The Commanders Receipt for the Box goes inclosed.

We are
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Spencer.
Cecil Bowyer.
Arthur King.
Henry Moore.

Anjengo
6th. May 1758

No. 39.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

By the Honourable Companys Ships Boscawen, Grantham & Fox we wrote you very fully & are now to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 7th. March ℔ George Sloop with the Gun Powder you sent us on the Speedwell by which we observe the Ships Warwick and Drake were safely arrived at your

Presidency. Mr. Pigots Receipt for the Companys Bonds Account William Barwell Esqr. is Cancelled Agreeable to your Request, We hope the Ships abovementioned will Arrive in the Month of April on your Coast, as we did our utmost to dispatch them from hence the soonest we could after advice from your Presidency by the Vessells lately Arrived here That no French Squadron was on the Coast of Choromandell.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
4TH. APRIL 1758.

ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHARD BECHER.
M. COLLET.
THOMAS BODDAM.

No. 40.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Duplicate.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address waited on you by the Tavistock, since when we have not had the pleasure of hearing from you. The Thames importing the 17th. Ultimo, with a supply of Salt Petre from Bengal enabled us to dispatch our Honble Masters Ships Prince Edward, York and Lord Anson, directly for Great Britain, fully laden on the 8th instant.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
29TH. APRIL 1758.

RICHARD BOURCHIER.
CHS. CROMMELIN.
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WM. SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE SCOTT.
T. BYFELD.
WM. HORNBY.

No. 41.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

The 2d. Instant We surrendered this Place by Capitulation the Articles of which now wait on you, The 2d. Article regarding the Exchange of Prisoners is to remain in Force provided You Order those at Trichenopolly to Pondicherry otherwise the Garrison are to remain Prisoners of War.

The Company's Servants Civil and Military are part gon [*sic*] and the rest going to Pondicherry.

We are with Respect
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. JUNE 1758.

AR. WYNCH.
P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

Articles of Capitulation by which Alexander Wynch Esq[r]. Acting Deputy Governour and the Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David in behalf of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies. are willing to surrender the Fort of Saint David to the Count Lally Lieutenant General in his most Christian Majestys Service & Commander in Chief of the French Forces in India.

1st. That all Acts of Hostility shall Cease untill the Articles of Capitulation are agreed upon and Sign'd.	Accordé.
2d. That the Deputy Governour shall march at the head of the Garrison Drums beating Colours flying out of the Barrier into the Advanced Cover'd way where the Garrison shall Ground their Arms and Surrender themselves Prisoners of War on Condition of being immediately Exchanged for an Equal Number of his Most Christians Majesty's Subjects now Prisoners in our Garrison on the Coast of Choromandel and as soon as the Exchange takes place the Garrison to be transported to such of our Settlements as the President and Council of Fort St. George may think proper.	Accordé pour la partie des honneurs mais la Garrison sera conduette prisonier a Pondicherry on elle restara jusques a ce quelle sort exchangeé contre parail nombre D'Officiers et Soldats de S. M. T. C. actuellement a Trechenopoly at quand les Dito Soldats de S. M. T. C. seront arrives a Pondicherry la Ditte Garrison du Fort St. David sera Conduitte a Madras on a Dive Cottey amora Choix.
3d. That Fort St. David & its Outworks shall not be demolished but remain in their Present state untill the conclusion of a Piece [*Sic*]	Ic ne mengage, arien sur cet article cest le sort de la Guera queen decedera at nov celuy de la paix.
4th. That all the Garrison including all the subjects of his Britannick Majesty as well Civil as Military shall have all their Baggage and Effects secured with liberty of removing & disposing of them as they shall think proper and that they be supplyed with Boats or proper Conveyances for that purpose.	La Garrison et les sujets de sa majesté Britannick ném porteront avec eux que leur vaiselle Chevaux hardes ou Meubles Domestiques et il leur sera fournie des Battava pour les transporté a Pondicherry bien Entendu que las dito Balleaux seront visiter par un Commissaire de nos troupes en presence duun Commissaire Anglois nommes at cet effect.
5th. That the Deputy Governour & Council and the Companys Servants be exchanged against an equal Number of the French East India Companys Servants made Prisoners by Admiral Watson at Chandanagore, and untill the Exchange takes place that they be permitted to go on their Parole to Fort Saint George.	Accordé quoy que je naye pas lieu detré Content de Sr. finch qui a manque a ce quil me devoit aense que eux regles de la guerre.
6th. That the Sick in the Hospital which cannot be removed have liberty to remain under the care of their own Surgeons and that they be supplied with proper Provisions.	Accordé.
7th. That a Captain & 50 of the English Troops shall remain in the Fort to deliver it up and that a strict Discipline be observed that no irregularities be committed & after the Surrender to take the Fate of the Rest of the Garrison.	Un Officier et 10 Homes sufferont acette Operation parce que Ic ne feray entrae qu' un Compagnie de Granadiexedans le Fort jusquace quil soil evaccie.
8th. That two Commissarys shall remain to deliver up all the Maggazines, Ammunition Cannon, Mortars & Goods and point out to the Engineers all the mines and Subterranious Works.	Accordé.

ARTICLES OF CAPITULATION BY WHICH ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR. ACTING DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID IN BEHALF OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES, ARE WILLING TO SURRENDER THE FORT OF SAINT DAVID TO THE COUNT LALLY LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN HIS MOST CHRISTIAN MAJESTYS SERVICE & COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE FRENCH FORCES IN INDIA—*cont.*

9th. That no Company's Servant Civil or Military be removed from the Coast of Choromandel untill the Exchange shall take place.

AR. WYNCH.
P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. DAVID
2D. JUNE 1758.

Accordé mais ceua qui sen absenteront sans un Pasport de Moy seront traitter comme espions.

LALLY.

SEPERATE ARTICLE.

That the deserters which were in the English service at the time of the Cartell settled between the Governours of Fort St. David and Pondicherry shall be deem'd as Prisoners and those which have deserted since the Present War be pardoned and return to their Colours.

FORT ST. DAVID
2D. JUNE 1758.

AR. WYNCH.
P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

ACCORDÉ.

La Garrison sortira a 5 heures a apres medy par la porte de L. Orranga á come ou elle deposera ses Armes et il sera permis aux Officiers Militaires et civils de rester jusques a demain dans le Fort la Compagnie de Granediers de 2d. Batallion de Loraine prendra Possession de la Porte de lourage a come et deselle da Forte qui ij Communique et sy tion dra jusque anouvel ordre.

LALLY.

No. 42.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Mr. Fairfield who is just arrived here having informed us that by the Articles of Capitulation for the surrender of Fort St. David the Companys servants both Civil and Military are to be Exchanged for the Gentlemen taken at Chandernagore. We flatter ourselves your Honour &ca. will permitt us to enjoy the benefit of Exchange when it takes place, which when We are made acquainted with, We shall return to our Duty with the greatest Satisfaction, as nothing can offer'd [*sic*] Us so much pleasure as rendering our Honble Masters all the service in our Power in the Present Exigence of Affairs. We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.
[ANDREW NEWTON.]

[TRANQUE]BAR
17TH. JUNE 1758.

N°. 43.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council
of Fort S^{T}. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

We have received your Letters of the 20th. and 25th. January ℔ Ship Sally with the Packets therein mentioned. Enclosed We send your Honour &c^{a}. a particular Account of the Cloth received from your Northern Settlements agreeable to your Request, which We did not Resort at this Place, neither did We inspect the Quality, but have sent it up to your Presidency to be examined and adjusted by your Honours &c^{a}. The whole was intended to have been Laden on the Warwick, but 17th. Bales were left behind for want of Craft to send them down to Ingelee, of which you were advised by M^{r}. William Hay who dispatched the Warwick. Those Bales are now shipped on the Boscawen but not inserted in her Invoice as the Account of them went by the Warwick. be We suppose the Ship Sally, the Betsy Schooner and the Lyon Sloop. But as the Warwick and Drake had Imported there a few days before she left it, and that Admiral Pocock with his Squadron was standing into the Road the day she came away. By our Letters of the 21st. January you will find We took all opportunities to supply you as emply [*sic*] and as early possible with Salt Petre. The Vessels you hint at that We neglected to send up any Petre on must be We suppose the Ship Sally, the Betsy Schoonel and the Lyon Sloop. But as the Owners of those Vessels did not apply for any Petre on freight, We could not possibly sent any by them, your Honour &c^{a}. do not mention the Receipt of 400 bags We consigned you on the Darling Snow, which Vessel Arrived long since at your Presidency. The beforementioned Letters Acquaint you of our having given Bills on the Honourable Company for the amount of M^{r}. Barwells Bonds and request of you to cancel them at your Board. By the Ships now under Dispatch Viz^{t}. The Boscawen, Grantham and Fox, We consign your Honour &c^{a} Six thousand Bags of Salt Petre seventy five Chests of Bullion and two Chests of Gold as ℔ Invoices and Bills of Lading of each Ship's Consignment enclosed in their respective Packets.

We hope your Honour &c^{a}. will be Satisfied we have done our utmost to supply you very emply [*sic*] with the Article of Salt Petre being sensible of the importance of it to your Settlement. We shall make use of every opportunity for sending you such quantity as you may want the ensuing year which We desire you will Inform us of as early as possible that we may provide Accordingly. We request likewise you will Inform us by the first Opportunity how far you can assist in the Lading of the Ships this Season for Europe, and whether it will be agreeable to you to have one of the Ships we have detained here sent up to your Presidency in September with 4 or 500 Bales from hence to be filled up and finally dispatched by your Honour &c^{a}. You will please to Acquaint us likewise what quantity of surplus Pepper there is likely to be at Fort Marlborough by December or January next, That we may Station a Ship to be filled up on that Coast in case We have more Tonnage this Season than We can provide for, We have fixed up on the 15th. of June next, for the Sale of the jewels received from the Nabob in part Payment of the sums stipulated in the Treaty with him; They will be put up at Publick outcry and sold to the best Bidder, we request therefore that you will give notice of it at your settlement that if any Persons chuse to purchase They may give proper orders. If your Honour &c^{a}. have any quantity of Eighteen and twenty four Pound Shott to spare we should be glad you would send 5000 of each to this Presidency; any number of small Arms that can be spared from the occasions of your Coast would be very acceptable to Us. Upon the back of the Invoices of the Consignments designed for your Presidency by the Coas[t] & Bay ships this season We have inserted what part

thereof has been detained for our Use. A Chest of Treasure has been Landed here from the Grantham marked [*Lacuna*] which is not taken notice of in the manifest of Licenced Silver by that ship for this place nor does Captain Oliver know to whom it belongs. If any Gentlemen at your Settlement has a Claim to it, you will please to Inform them It will be deliver'd to their order upon a proper Power being given to give a discharge. By the manifest of Licenced Silver ℔ Walpole last year, there appears to have been sent out on that Ship a Chest of Treasure marked N.D. No. 1 which upon examination We find has not been Landed here. The Administrator to Mr. Nathan Drakes Estate has applyed to us to Write about it to your Honour &ca. If the said Chest therefore is in your Treasury, You will please to have it Coined and give our Presidency Credit for the amount in Arcot Rupees, and we shall accd. [*sic*] with the Administrator upon Receipt of your advice thereof. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 20TH. MARCH 1758.

ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHARD BECHER.
PAUL RICHARD PEARKES.
M. COLLET.

P.S.—By the Boscawen we forward the Companys Packet for your Presidency received ℔ Worcester & on the Fox the Packet received by that ship.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE ℔ BOSCAWEN.

No. 1 General Letter to the President & Council of Fort St. George dated 20th. March 1758.
2 Packet for the Select Committee of Fort St. George to be received of Captain Braund.
3 Invoice of Goods laden on the Boscawen for Fort St. George [amounting to] Ct. Rs. 312007–13–9.
4 First Bills of Lading for Do.
5 Manifest of private for Ft. St. George ℔ Boscawen.
6 Copys of Invoices received from Vizagapatam for Cloth sent from thence to Bengal.
7 Copy of Captain Braunds Sailing Orders.

JOHN COOKE
Secry.

No. 44.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Pursuant to an order received from the Honourable the President & Council of Fort William the 24th. of March to proceed to dispatch the Ship I set out Accordingly & arrived on board this day. I have mustered the ships company and received Captain Wedderburns Report of her Guns and Ammunition and the Captain having refused to sign his Bills of Lading for 105 Piggs of Lead which by his Account has not been received on board and it being so late in the Season that I cannot wait for the Officers receipts to be sent from town.

I have Endorsed them off the Bills of Lading and will Inform the President &c^a^. Council of Fort William that it may be settled between them and your Honours &c^a^. Council. I now Enclose to you the following Papers Viz^t^.

Copy of the Muster Roll of the Ships Company.

Captain Wedderburns Report.

Captains Receipt.

Feet Inch Feet

The Ship Draws Forward 18. 10 and abaft 19 I have deliver'd the Captain his Dispatch and with the Ships a Safe and prosperous Voyage.

I am with Respect

SHIP BOSCAWEN — HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

INGELLEE ROAD — Your most obedient humble Servant

APRIL 1ST. 1758. — W. HAY.

N°. 45.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Pursuant to an order Received from the Honourable the President & Council of Fort William the 24th. of March to proceed to dispatch this Ship I set out accordingly and arrived on board this day. I have mustered the ships Company and Received Capt. Wedderburns report of her Guns &ca. & the Captain having sign'd his Bills of Lad[ing] the said Report Muster Roll and first Bill of Lading are enclosed in their proper Places. I now enclose to you the following Papers Vizt.

Copy of the Muster Roll of Ship Granthams People.

Captain Wedderburns Report of her Guns &ca.

Captains Receipt.

Feet Inch

The Ship Draws Forward 18. 10 and abaft 19, I have delivered the Captain his Dispatches and wish the Ship a safe and prosperous Voyage and am with Respects

SHIP GRANTHAM — HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

INGELLEE ROAD — Your most humble Servant

APRIL 1ST. 1758. — W. HAY.

N°. 46.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Pursuant to an order Received from the Honble the President & Council of Fort William the 24th. Ultimo to proceed to dispatch this Ship I set out accordingly and arrived on board this day. I have mustered the Ships Company and received Mr. Henry Wedderburns Report of her Guns and ammunition and the Captain having Sign'd his Bills of Lading the said Report Muster Rolls and first Bills of Lading are enclosed in their Respective Places. I now enclose to you the following Papers Vizt.

Copy of the Muster Roll of the Ships Company &ca.

Mr. Wedderburns Report of her Guns.

I have had no account of the Horse Furnitures being arrived on board this ship therefore imagine it has been prevented from coming down, by the bad Weather We have had in the River. As Captain Hume has Sign'd the Bills of Lading for them I thought it proper to mention this to your Honour &ca. The Ship Draws 18 feet on an even Kell, I have deliver'd the Captain his Dispatches and Wish the ship a safe and prosperous Voyage & am

SHIP FOX
INGELLEE ROAD
APRIL 1ST. 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & humble servant
W. HAY.

No. 47.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF MADRASS

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Our last Address was under the 30th. Ultimo, of which the enclosed is Duplicate, and on the 16th. Instant We received your favour of the Sixteenth Ultimo.

Our Honourable Masters Ship Hawke imported here the 6th. Instant, & the 13th. sailed on her destined voyage. The Ship mentioned in our last to be in Myhie Road under Danish Colours sailed the 9th. Instant with such a Cargo as induces us to think she is designed for Bengal. We are

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant

TELLICHERY
31ST. MAY 1758.

THOMAS HODGES.
TITTUS SCOTT.
THOMAS SATCHWEY.
WILLIAM TAYLER.

No. 48.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Within these few days, We have had the pleasure to receive your favours of the 10th. & 24th. April, with an accompanying Packet from Bengal. Its with great satisfaction We perceive Commodore Steeven's Squadron, had joined Admiral Pocock. We have given Directions for a Sloop being built, for the Service of the West Coast, Agreeable to your desire. We are

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
8TH. JUNE 1758

RICHARD BOURCHIER.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
WM. SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE SCOTT.
T. BYFELD.
WM. HORNBY.
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SAM: HOUGH.

No. 49.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

As we are under Apprehensions that we shall meet with great difficulties in procuring Provisions for our Subsistence on this Coast, or be able to defend ourselves for any length of time against the Country People, who we long since Suspected to be much disaffected and are now accordingly at open variance with, We find ourselves under a necessity of addressing your Honour &ca. on the subject of our distresses, and to request your speedy Assistance. The two Pangarans of single demoon and Soongey Etam and Rajah de Bander, a Relation of the former are the Secret Authors of the present disturbances their designs in which seems to be to procure to themselves some advantages, and to abolish some of the Supravisors Regulations. The former Pangaran We understand is desirous of being Restored to his Authority at Laye, and both of the Pangarans think themselves entitled to a Duty on all ships and Vessels that come into Marlbro Road; We have confined Raja de Bander to the Fort upon an information of his having fomented the disturbances at Polley, by Instigating the People up that River to refuse to comply with their repeated promises to the Boad [*sic*] of removing Lower down the River, and to fortifie their doosoons. This step as we have reason to believe deterred the two Pangarans, and many others who Covertly acted in this Affair, in concert with Rajah de Bander, from declaring openly, but they have privately obliged several of their Proattens &ca. to appear, in an Hostile manner, and we are well Assured that the greatest part of the Country are Combined together and wait only for a favourable Opportunity of Declaring themselves, and as we have but a small Quantity of Gun Powder, and but two months subsistance, we shall soon have them all declare against us, the consequences of which we need not mention but we hope to meet with relief from your Honour &ca. as speedily as possible. On the 3d. Instant arrived the Sloop Tryall, and the master of her informs us that you have dispatched the Marlbro Sloop back to us; he parted with her the [*Lacuna*] Instant but as she is not yet arrived we fear she is lost; the master further acquaints us that the ship your Honour &ca. intended to send hither with the supplys we so pressingly requested by the Marlbro Sloop, is dispatched to Bengal from whence she will not probably return in time to bring us those supplys which we are now so greatly in need of. We are sorry to advise you that the Sloop Neptune overset in her passage at Sea and 17 of the Crew unfortunately perished, but the master and 2 others saved themselves with great difficulty, and got on board the Long Boats which are all safe Arrived, we think it proper to acquaint you that Mr. Forrest the Master of her informs us, that this unhappy accident was occasioned by the great disproportion of her mast to a Vessel of so small a Burthen, Enclosed are Copys the Affidavits of the Master &ca. belonging to her and the long Boats on occasion her Loss. We cannot but Express our great concern at these disappointments of our hopes of receiving supplys the want of which has for some years past put us into a wretched and very precarious Situation, which must in the end prove distructive to the whole Coast, if not Remedied; We therefor most earnestly Request that your Honour &ca. will be pleased to send us Immediate relief, and that our several Indents may be fully comply'd with except Salt, of which we have purchased a sufficiency for a Years Consumption. Our Stock of Rice is at present very low, and the troubles in the Country deprives us of all prospect of receiving any from thence for sometime to come as there will be a great Scarcity of Grain, and if we are not very spedily [*sic*] supplied, the Consequences of it in this Exigency will prove fatal to the Settlement. The exchange of Salt for Rice will never at any time procure us more than a few

Months subsistance four [*sic*] our Garrison and Slaves, Our dependance therefore is on your Honour &c^a^. for a Competancy of this Essential Article, and we request you will send us sixty or Seventy Garce of it, as there is no occasion to load the Vessell with any Salt. We are greatly in want of Gun Powder and Arms, of the latter we have not enough to send out against the Enemy, and the present troubles will soon exhaust the Powder we we [*sic*] have now hear [*sic*], which fortunately we lately purchased out of a Dutch ship and without it we must have fallen a sacrafice to the Country or have left the Settlement. We therefore request that we may be supply'd with two hundred Barrels of Gun Powder and 400 Musquets.

We cannot but request that your Honour &c[a]. will be pleas'd to send us some Military Recruits our present Garrison being very Insufficient for the defence of the Settlement, and also about 150 One hundred and fifty Arabs or Seapoys (but these we desire may be picked Men) in whom we can better confide than in the Bugguesses whom we are obliged to employ on the occasion of these disturbances in the Country nor can we procure a competant number even of those to oppose the Enemy who are very numerous, and encamped in several parts about the Country. These Seapoys may be distributed, to the out Settlements after the disturbances are over in the Room of the Bug[g]uesses so that the Expence will be but very inconsiderably augmen[ted] by them, and the Settlements on this Coast will be on a more strong foundation, than they are at present. We have drove the Rebels from many of their Fortified Places but they make new ones almost as [fast as] we demolish the Old ones, We have lost some of our Europeans in Expeditions besides several wounded as well as Mallays and Bugguess. We have not Coffres sufficient to do the Current Business, and must be obliged to hire many Cooleys to do it, but as this will augment the Expences very considerably we request that you will send us some as soon as possible. We compute that we have occasion at least for 100 Men 20 of them Bricklayers; Women we have no occasion for. We hope that we shall soon receive a further Supply of Long Cloth White, the Want of which will be attended with very prejudicial Consequences to the Investment in Arrack Soongey, and it may probably be productive of some troubles in that Kingdom.' We have now upwards of 160 Tons of Pepper at this Place and manna, ready for the Bengal Ship (exclusive) of 200 Tons surplus which we purpose to load on board the Falmouth agreeable to Orders which we have received from our Honou[ra]ble Masters by that Ship and shall probably have about 250 Tons to ship off by her. The Grampus Tender lyes now in a Sinking condition at Pooloo, and we have advanced Captain Jackson for the Service of that ship $ 2500 as hereafter specified. We request you will send us by the first Opportunity 10,000 Gunny Bags being in great want of this Article, and that you'll Fully comply with our Indent by the Hartop and enclosed is duplicate of our Letter by that Ship. We have received $ 260–80 on account of the Estate of M[r]. John Gray Deceased and as we are informed that there are some demands on that Estate at Madras and that you have granted the Administration thereof to M[r]. Thomas Forrest, we shall write that Sum of to Account Current Fort Saint George.

Herewith we remit you the following Bills of Exchange, for which you'll please to Credit us in Account Viz[t].

Robert Jackson on the Hon~ble~ George Pigot Esq[r]. for $ 1000 at 16½ ₰ 10 P[s].

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We beg leave to conclude with our assurances that we shall use our best endeavours to restore Peace and tranquility to the Country about us and to defend the Settlement to the Uttermost of our Power. We are

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servts.
Rh. Marriott.
Joseph Gunn.
Robert Hay.

Postscript.

Since closing the above the Ships Norfolk and Princess Augusta arrived here, and we have received your Packets to us we shall have on hand at this Place and Manna after their dispatch exclusive of the storeships Charter party Tonnage upwards of 150 Tons and conformable to your orders, shall reserve the same for the Bengal Ship and by the time she arrives we shall probably have about 200 Tons ready for her. The Supply of Rice which your Honour &ca. have sent us by these ships arrived very seasonably but we must still request further supplys of this Article, We are of Opinion that both the Sloop which our Honourable Masters have ordered to be built at Bombay will be very necessary for the Service of this Coast, and the usual Construction of the Bengal Vessells we apprehend will be the properest, and therefore request that your Honour &ca. will give your directions thereon accordingly. We have granted Certificates on your Honour &ca. for the following Sums paid into Cash here the 17th. Instant Vizt.

One sett to Gayer and Herbet payable to themselves or order ..	$ 1000	—	—	Pags.	606	2	14
One Do. to Hew Steward do. to Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart.	614	92	—		317	9	30
One Do. to William Kier Do. to Claud Russell	100	—	—		60	21	65
3 Setts of Certificates	$ 1714	92	—	Ps.	1038	33	29

Amounting to One thousand seven hundred and fourteen Dollars and Ninety two Cash, or One thousand and thirty Eight Pagodas thirty three fanams and twenty nine Cash.

Since writing the proceeding we have received your favour of the 19th. November last ℘ Cuddalore Sloop and Duplicate of our advices by that Vessell together with a Copy of the Captains Dispatch you will receive herewith and we request your Honour &ca. will comply with our Inclosed Indent by the first Opportunity. We are very respectfully

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Rh. Marriott.
Joseph Gunn.
Robert Hay.

Fort Marlbró
the 23d. January 1758.

P.S.—We have sent your Honour &ca. as a Number in the Packet an account of the Expences of the Tryal Sloop due from the Owners of the Grampus Tender which as we have debted, Account Current Fort St. George for you will therefore please to recover them.

No. 50.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esquire
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We Address'd you under date of the 23d. Ultimo by the Sloop Tryal and inclosed is Duplicate thereof. On reperusing your Letter by the Norfolk we find that we have had the misfortune to overlook a few words of it in your Computation of the Ships Lading which led us into a Mistake that the Kintlade and Officers priviledge were not included in your Computation.

We therefore take this opportunity to advise you that we shall not have a sufficiency of Pepper in readiness for the Bengal ship, unless all the Pepper on hand at Cawoor & Croee is brought up hither, which we shall endeavour to do if possible tho' we fear we cannot effect it as we are in want of Sloops for that purpose. The Quantity of Pepper which you have Order'd us to lade on the Norfolk & Princess Augusta at this Place being very considerable, amounting to near Four hundred Tons which is by 120 Tons short of what we have in Our Godowns here and more than we have ever at any one time had at this place, we have been much embarrassed about the means of complying with your Orders, and have been obliged to send for the Storeship up from Manna, from whence she would Otherwise have been nearly on the dispatch by this time, in Order to compleat their Loading out of her Cargoe. We therefore request it of your Honor &ca. that we may always have the Liberty hereafter of dispatching such ships as are sent hither to fill up either to Manna or elsewhere, if we have not enough in Our Godowns at this place to compleat their Charter Party Tonnage, and that you will be pleas'd to favour us with your directions how to act in such Critical Cases as the present should such happen in future. We need not remark to your Honour &ct. that we cou'd not consistently with your Orders send the Norfolk & Princess Augusta to Manna; especially as both the Commanders were absolutely resolved not to go thither on any account whatever, we shall therefore only observe to You, that unless the Commanders of ships are in some measure subject to our Orders we shall find them of so very uncomplyant & troublesome a disposition that we shall not be able to act in the manner we apprehend to be most Conducive to the Interest of Our Honble Masters.

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
R. Marriott.
Joseph Gunn.
John Goodwin.
Robt. Hay.

Fort Marlbró
the 8th. February 1758.

No. 51.

To the Honble George Pigot Esquire
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We address'd you last under date the 8th. February ₰ the Sloop Mary since when we have received your advices ₰ the Ship Duke Captain Powney, who arrived here the 3d. Instant; The flattering hopes we entertained of being

supplied with a good stock of Gun Powder by this Ship are entirely frustrated as the Gentlemen at Bengal have taken out all of this Article that your Honor &c^t. put on board for this Place; our great distress for this very essential Article the want whereof subjects the Settlement to the Insults of all Enimies as well as the Natives who are too well apprised of our wants, and will probably take the advantage of our weak and almost defenceless Situation have reduced us to the necessity of sending M^r. John Goodwin as Agent to Batavia to procure a supply of this Article in particular as well as Timber & Plank & other necessary Stores which are immediately required for the use of the Settlement as we are also greatly in need of a Sloop having frequent occasions for her services and no probability of being supplied with any from your Honour &c^t. for some time to come. M^r. Goodwin is therefore directed to purchase one of about 80 or 100 Tons Burthen. He is directed also to procure all the Intelligence he possibly can and advise your Honor &c^t. of every Material occurrence by all opportunitys, recommending to him at the same time to be as expedicious in accomplishing these matters so soon as possibly [can] which our present forlorn situation so urgently and pressing[ly] call for.

We have only further to request of your Honour &c^t. [to] comply fully with our late Indents and to send us a good supply of Gunpowder by the first Opportunity it being very preca[rious] whether our Agent will be able to procure any at Batavia should the Mallays be again inclined to create new Disturbances before we are supplied with Gunpowder our Hon̄ble Masters Affairs on this Coast will stand but upon a tottering foundation and the loss of the Settlement may probably be the Consequences of it. This goes by M^r. Goodwin via Batavia having nothing more to observe but that our best endeavours shall be exerted for preserving the Peace and Tranquility of the Settlement, we are respectfully

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient H̄ble Servt[^s.]

R. Marriott.
Joseph Gunn.
John Goodwin
Robt. Hay.

Fort Marlbró
the 29th. April 1758.

No. 52.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

I have the honour to transmit you inclosed a Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbró by which you will be pleased to observe the Reasons of my proceeding to this City, the very short time I have yet been arrived here join'd to the Generals being much engrossed in Affairs, have naturally put it hitherto out of my Power to have gone any great lengths towards the accomplishing of my Orders; however I flatter myself I shall in a short time succeed in obtaining most of the required Necessaries. The Article of Gunpowder indeed, I am afraid will be the most difficult to come at As People here are too well acquainted what a Situation Affairs have been in on the West Coast and indulge themselves with the Thoughts, that cutting off a supply of that sort may be hurting the Hon̄ble Company in the most tender Point your Honour &c^t. may be assured I shall use all deligence in getting a Quantity of that very essential Article and hope, through some Channel or

other, that my endeavours will be accompanyed with Success. There is no news here worth communicating what there is, concerning Transactions in Europe, your honour &c[t]. must have been acquainted with long e'er this. The Honble Company's Ships for Limpo and Canton have not yet imported here but must come in very soon unless some accident has befallen them, or they have been order'd a different Rout. There are positive Commands lodged here that no Ship whatever will be permitted to trade again at the former Place, so she must be necessitated to proceed to Canton direct. Your Honour &c[t]. are but too well acquainted of the Deportment of the Dutch to the Northward of Moco Moco and of the many Injuries that have been sustain'd by their unwarrantable Behaviour; there has been also to the southward a very recent Instance of great Insolence in the Master of one of their Cruizers, who between Manna & Marlbro' took out and brought hither the Jureemoody of a Tombongow that was loaded with Pepper; he also fired several times at her as well as took with him, the Boat note, and private Letters that were on board I shall remonstrate very strenuously to the General & Council concerning such a Preceeding, & of our other repeated Grievances, but I cannot flatter myself that such Remonstrances will meet with the desired Effect for their Jealousies in Point of trade are so sanguine that I believe no reasoning can induce them to act impartially, where there [*sic*] Commerce is in the least affected. During my stay here (which will be as short as possible) I shall be carefull to address your Honour &c[t]. Council by every opportunity that offers & if there is any thing of Moment presents demanding your immediate knowledge & attention, I shall dispatch advices express for that purpose. I have the Honour to be very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed[t]. humble Servant

John Goodwin.

Batavia

the 26th. May 1758.

N°. 53.

To the Honble George Pigot Esquire

President & Governour &c[t]. Council

of Fort S[t]. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 15th. Instant arrived here the ship Ganges with Roger Carter Esquire Deputy Governour on board of her by whom we received your Letter dated the 14th. March last. As we propose dispatching the Ship Duke to you very shortly by which Conveyance shall write at large have nothing further to add now, but to acquaint you of the Settlements being at present in Peace and Tranquility and are very Respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed[t]. humble Servants

Roger Carter.

R. Marriott.

Joseph Gunn.

Robt. Hay.

Fort Marlbró

the 19th. May 1758.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

1. Since our last General dispatch by the Hartop Snow under date of the 15th. September 1757 we wrote by the Tryal Sloop the 23d. of January following to acquaint you particularly of the great distress this Settlement was then in Duplicate of the former, was forwarded on the Sloop Tryal and Duplicate of the latter by the Sloop Mary together with a short address by her dated the 8th. February. We likewise paid our Respects to you ⅌ Ship Grehound [*sic*] the 29th. April and the Ganges Tender the 19th. May both via Batavia. The former served to inform your Honour &ct. of our appointing Mr. John Goodwin our Agent at Batavia, the latter advising the arrival of Roger Carter Esqr. and of our Intentions to dispatch our Honble Masters Ship Duke with all possible expedition to the Cost Agreeable to which you will now please to receive this address by her, together with Duplicates of the beforementioned advices sent ⅌ Mary, Greyhound and Ganges and Triplicate of that ⅌ Tryal, which we concluded necessary, as the former Conveyances are not greatly to be depended on.

2. Your several favours of the 24th. August & 5 September enclosing Duplicate of that sent up ⅌ Neptune Sloop were brought us by the Duke Captain Powney, which Ship imported here the 3d. of April having first touch'd at our Northern Settlements to deliver such stores they were in need of in conformity to your directions. The Ganges Tender also arrived with us on the 15th. Ultimo when we received your Commands by her.

3. As a Copy of our Letter to the Honble Court of Directors by the Falmouth comes a Number in this Paquet We beg leave to referr Your Honour &ct. Council thereto, for a particular detail of all transactions that has happen'd on this Coast from the Hartops dispatch to that time from which Period only, we shall continue a Relation of Affairs under our Management & reply to your favours ⅌ Duke under the established Heads.

First Concerning Shipping.

4th. Our Honble Masters Ship Falmouth was dispatched from Manna for England the 10th. of March 59
last She had on board her Tons 422. 10. 2. 3 lb. of Pepper which is 1. 8. 2. 25 (O. Qr. lb.) short of her Charter Party Tonnage including the usual Allowance of 5 ⅌ Cent for Wastage. By the Residents Letter to the

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Hoñble Court Copy of which is now forwarded, you will please to observe the reasons why he was not able wholly to compleat her Cargo which being unavoidable, we flatter ourselves will not meet with either their or your displeasure.

5. The Ship Greyhound a private Trader from Bengal imported at Moco Moco the 27th. February last from whence she arrived here the 13th. March and Sailed hence for Batavia the 29th. of April following.

6. A Boat lately coming from Manna with a Consignment of Pepper from the Resident there, was met within her Passage hither by a Dutch Sloop off Saloomah, the Master of which after taking out the Jooreemoody & Papers he carried, and detaining them on board his Vessell attempted to seize the Boat but the Crew perceiving their intentions set their Sail and escaped, notwithstanding the Sloop gave them Chace, and fired several Shott at them. We address'd the General and Council of Batavia on this Subject by the Greyhound, demanding immediate restitution of our Joreemoody & Papers and that they would inflict suitable punishment on the Master of their Sloop for the indignity shewn us. It is needless for us to expatiate on this occasion here. Your Honour &ct. having of late been so frequently troubled from hence with Complaints of a similar nature with this difference only, that till now no open attempts were ever before made on any Vessels in the Service of the Hoñble Company; we shall therefore only add at present that, as this insult was committed openly upon our Coasts, and in sight of the British Flag, we do not at all doubt but that you will perceive the absolute, and real necessity there is for taking speedy measures to put an effectual stop in future to such depredations, without which, we apprehend that even the effects of Our Hoñble Masters will be as unsafe, in transporting from one Settlement to another as private Property has long since been, to the unspeakable prejudice to the Inhabitants of this Coast, to which may be added that we shall soon find it difficult to procure any of the Natives to Navigate our Vessels either publick or private.

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7. Your Honour &ct. will observe in our Consultations, that at first we intended sending the Duke to Manna to transport the Pepper of that Settlement hither, but on our receiving advices from Natall that 200 Atchenees had actually invested Tappanooly, we came to a Resolution of sending her to the Assistance of that Place, she accordingly sailed the 20 April and in her Passage thither was met at Padang by Roger Carter Esqr. on his Way here, who directed her return to us again, the disturbances being over at Tappanooly, from whence he had just before departed. The pressing necessity that our Settlements at present labours under for want of Gunpowder and other Stores has induced us to alter our former resolution of sending her

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to Manna, and dispatch her to your Honour for an immediate supply thereof. We very earnestly desire that she may be returned to us with as much expedition as possible, not only to furnish us with those necessaries, but to assist in getting ready our investment for Europe for the next Years Shipping.

8. We have frequently laid before you our extreme want of Vessels which is even at present more so than formerly occasioned thro' the Capture of the Sloop Marlbrô by the French and the oversetting of the Neptune at Sea, by which measure we are left destitute of any other excepting the Long Boats you sent us sometime since which are calculated only for the use of loading & unloading Ships in this Road. Our labouring under these difficulties induced us among other considerations to order Mr. John Goodwin to proceed to Batavia and purchase us a Sloop to carry about 80 Tons as from your Letter ℔ Sloop Marbro', we cannot expect to be supplied soon, with any from your Coast. The Deputy Governor acquainting us on his arrival of his having purchased a Snow on our Honble Masters account to convey him hither which be left at Fort St. George to take in such Stores as are wanted for our Service, and which we are in daily expectation of seeing here, we took the opportunity by the Ganges, to countermand our abovementioned orders to Mr. Goodwin directing him not to purchase a Vessel especially as those at Batavia are generally but indifferent. We therefore again request that you will please to write to the Presidency of Bombay, to get Us built with all expedition, two Vessels of One hundred or One hundred & Twenty Tons burthen each which size we esteem to be most useful for the Service of this Coast, as they will in one Trip supply any of our Settlements with all the Necessaries they may want for a whole Year, and at the same time bring up their Seasons Crop of Pepper, which will obviate a difficulty which we now sensibly feel in regard to the want of Godowns at our Southern Settlements, a Circumstance that has and still obliges us to trust our Honble Masters property on very precarious bottoms, which are likewise very expensive. Another advantage that will arise from having Vessels of the above burthen is that in case of our ever being under an urgent necessity, for supplies of any sort; or even whenever their services are not immediately wanted on this Coast, we can dispatch them to your Honour &ca. for that purpose with respect to the construction of those Vessels, we beg leave to recommend it to you that they be planked after the European manner, by reason that we have no artificers sufficiently expert, and able to repair Rabbit work the method generally made use of in building at Bombay, We must likewise request that they be rigged as Schooners they being not only by far the easiest worked as [*sic*] Sea, but more convenient for repairing

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here; And that they be compleatly furnished with proper Artillery for their defence, when they will be able to afford occasional succours to any of our out settlements. As to the expence of sailing Vessels of this Bulk we apprehend that the difference between them and those of fifty Tons, which you seem to think of a proper size cannot be any thing very considerable or in the least adequate to the services betwixt one and the other, as the latter, when they have Waters & provisions on board, carry but a very trifling burthen, We nevertheless submit the whole to your Honour &c^t. Councils Consideration.

9. There being in our Godowns no more Arrack & Sugar than will answer our own Consuption [*sic*] and Capt. Jackson making application to us, for lading on board the Duke such part of his Ships Cargo as she could take in, his own being utterly unfit for proceeding to Sea, & promising to Pay whatever Freight your Honour &c^t. may conclude equitable, we complied with his request. An exact account of the several Articles he has put on board the Duke is inserted in our Manifest. We choose rather to refer setting the Terms of the Freight to you, both as it is a gruff Cargo, and as we are uncertain whether the Companys indulgence of 3 ℔ Cent is intended to all Feighters, [*sic*] or confined only to the Servants on this establishment. Enclosed comes an Obligation signed by Captain Jackson for Payment to your Honour &c^t. Council of such freight as you may think proper to demand on delivery of his Cargo.

Secondly of Goods from Europe or one part of India to be disposed of at Another.

10. The supplies of Rice sent on the Norfolk, Princess Augusta and Duke proved very acceptable to us, and sufficient for the Consuption [*sic*] of the Current Year. We hope that your Honour &c^t. Council in future will continue to supply us fully with this necessary Article. In our advices to Bengal we have requested of the Gentlemen there, to send us provided a Europe Ship should be ordered from thence to fill up as formerly 1500 or Two thousand Bags, which will answer our demands for the year 1759. The several other particulars wanted from that place we have signified to them in our Indent by this Conveyance, which with our address, is left open for your perusal and we beg the favor that you will please to recommend it to their attention. Should the disposition of our Hon̄ble Master's Shipping for the next Season not permit an annual Ship, to be order'd from thence to us as usual we must desire that your Honour &c^t. Council will take such measures as you may conclude expedient for our being furnished with our indent.

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11. The fortunate and seasonable supply of Salt which we purchased from the Dutch Ship has freed us from a very disagreeable dilemma, which we should

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have been in for want of that commodity so materially requisite for the Inhabitants of these parts. We have now on hand enough for about eight or nine Months expence; It therefore remains for your Honor &c^t^. to furnish us with a sufficiency for the next years consuption [*sic*]. The Quantity annually requisite for that purpose you have been in former advices acquainted of.

12. From the several disputes that have arose between us & Europe Commanders the last year concerning the badness of Gunny bags made use of in Shipping off Pepper, it evidently appears of what Consequence it is of to Our Honble Masters that we should be largely furnished with that Article, and that particular Care should be taken that those sent us in future, be the very best sort, which we are concerned to say, the Gentlemen at Bengal have not duely attended to no more than in Rice and most other things received from them, they being generally the very refuse of their Godowns. We beg your Honour &c^t^. Council will please to represent this Matter to them, that we may have no further Cause for Complaint therein. MAY 23

13. The long Cloth white sent Us on the Duke will prove enough for our Occasions for sometime, we shall be carefull to give timely Notice whenever we are in want of any further supply. The Long blue & Blue Cambays now indented for are particularly wanted for the Cloathing of Our Slaves & the other Wares inserted therein being for the use of the Servants on this Establishment we beg your Compliance therewith.

14. In this Packet we transmit you our several Indents for Civil & Military Stores which we esteem immediatly necessary. The General want we have long been in for Gunpowder, small Arms and other Garrison Stores have been fully and frequently represented, you will before the receipt of this Letter in all probability be apprized of what Our Honble Masters may have already sent us on our Storeship, we have only to desire that you wou'd be pleased to make up to us, whatever may be difficient in the several Articles of their Consignment hither. JUNE 5.

15. In obedience to your directions to send such Cash as we have not occasion for here, we now consign you on the Duke Ten Chests containing Forty thousand Dollars ($40000) likewise 1 Box (q^ts^. 335). 1/8 Tails of Gold being what has been receiv'd at Moco Moco for Sales of Ophium there. We also send by this Conveyance all our useless Military Stores, and such Powder as is totally unfit for Service. Invoice & Bill of Lading for these several particulars come Numbers in the Paquet all our unserviceable Ordnance shall be forwarded to Europe the first conveyance agreeable to your direction. MAY 15

16. The supply of fanams received ℔ Hartop came very seasonably, and as both they and Copper Cash JUNE 5

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are at all times wanted in exchange & for payment of the Pepper Customs at the several Subordinates, we request some of each may be forwarded agreeable to our Indent.

17. We must beg your Honour &ct. Council will Febry. 19
please to excuse our not sending by this conveyance a report of the Condition of the Arrack & Sugar Works from that taken a little before the Falmouths departure which is enter'd on Consultation, you will observe that they were in a flourishing condition. We now transmit our Account Current with the Undertakers, by which you will perceive they have lessened Considerably their Debt to the Hoñble Company. Our most serious attention to this Branch shall not be wanting, to render it of that Utility which we are in hopes it will soon arrive to.

18. We have experienced many inconveniences for want of a proper Number of Slaves to do the needfull business of the Settlement especially of that important Article of taking the remains, on the frequent removes of Persons from one employ to another Observing that we are not to expect any more Slaves from your Honour &ct. and imagining that the Hoñble Court at these times will not chuse to order a Ship to touch at Madagascar for this purpose we thought it expedient to enter into an Agreement with the Resident of Natall to furnish us with fifty Nias men, for whom we have engaged to pay at the rate of $70 ₩ head on delivery here. Tho' this is a large price, yet as we shall receive none but stout able Men, we are of opinion they will answer our intentions tho' not quite so well as Madagascar Slaves would have done. Hitherto we have receiv'd only five of the above Number, and we are apprehensive that the Contractors will not be able to supply us with the whole; We therefore beg that should it be in your Power to procure us about One hundred or One June 5
hundred and fifty Men that you will please to favour us therein, as they will be vastly acceptable.

19. In your Commands by the Hartop Snow, You were pleased to direct our sending to Fort St. George the garblings of the Croee and Cawoor pepper. We beg leave to observe to you, that the quantity is but in- do
considerable, and not worth the hazard of disgusting the Natives, which we are apprehensive a thing of this nature would do were it ever to come to their knowledge and therefore be attended with no good Consequences to the Investment. The late Supravisors were so sensible hereof, that they gave positive Injunctions both here, and at the several subordinates for its being all thrown publickly away; We shall on this account wait your further directions before we send any.

20. The Lascars lately brought us by our Syrang from your Coast having represented to us, that they

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were promised the same allowance of Doll & Ghee given
on board of Trading Vessels, we thought it necessary MAY 23
to comply therewith, and have accordingly Indented to
the Presidency of Bengal for supplies of those Articles.

21. During the late troubles here we had occasion to borrow from Captain Jackson Eight Pieces of Cannon Four Pounders which are now mounted on the Bastions in our Fort. These Guns being very usefull, and of a proper size for our Service we directed the Captains Edward Frith & Will. Tobison to examine their Condition, whose report of them comes a Number in this Pacquet, We shall be glad your Honour &c[t]. will let those which are good remain here and account with Captain Jackson for their value.

22. We directed M[r]. Goodwin among other Com- 71
missions given him to Batavia, to purchase a large
quantity of Plank & Timber to be forwarded hither
on the next Storeship, they being Articles we are much
in want of; for which purpose & procuring the Sloop
already mention'd we advanc'd him Eight Thousand
Dollars ($ 8000) and gave him permission likewise to
draw on us, for any further sums he might stand in
need of on this Account, but apprehending since that
he will have a large Ballance remaining in his hands
from our Countermanding his purchase of the Sloop
and Iron inserted in our Indent by him, we advised
him in our Letter by the Ganges, to remit the same by 92
Bills to your Honour &c[t]. if procurable otherwise to
consign it you, on any good and safe Conveyance.

23. The Board taking into Consideration the great
charge there is in maintaining the Settlement of Natal
thought it adviseable to make a purchase from Captain
Powney of 54 Chests Ophium at $ 260 ℔ Chest
to send thither for Sale, on our Honble Masters
Account, when the ship Duke was dispatched for that
Place Forty Chests of it were accordingly put on Board
her but as she was prevented from proceeding on her
Voyage by the Deputy Governour there being no fur- APRIL 7.
ther occasion for her service there, as already mention'd
the same has been since relanded. The Deputy Governour not thinking the purchase of this Ophium for the advantage of Our Honble Masters but on the Contrary apprehending from the large imports lately made of this Commodity, the great probability there is of their being Considerable loosers by it thought it necessary in his own justification, as well as to prevent in that case, any censure hereafter falling on himself to make a publick declaration in Council of his sentiments thereon, to which Mess[rs]. Marriott, Gun & Hay the only Members of the Board remaining here concerned in the said purchase have given in their particular reasons that induced them to make it; the same being enter'd in Consultation, we beg leave to refer your Honour &c[t]. thereto for further information.

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Thirdly touching Investment.

24. How far the troubles that have arose in the dis-
tricts of Laye and Marlbro' may affect this Article in
those places, we cannot as yet pretend to premise; but
imagine it will not prove of any very material conse-
quence, the produce of them for many years having
been but trifling, Our Southern Settlements afford us a
very agreeable prospect, and we are not without hopes
of a considerable increase in each of those districts.
That of Manna in particular has the last Year
ex[c]eeded our most Sanguine expectations; Its pro- 118
duce from Primo May 1757 to Ultimo April last, full
Three hundred seventy five Tons And the Resident who
is now at Marlbro' gives us room to hope that the ensue-
ing season will still ex[c]eed the former provided
no unforeseen accident intervenes. We are sorry that
the Kingdom of Anack Soongy is not in that flourish-
ing state, we could wish it to be, there having been
last Year a decrease of Pepper. Mr. Jack the Resident
of Moco Moco has given us some faint expectations of
an Increase in this Seasons Crop; but we imagine that
it will not be any thing very considerable what the May 6 76
reasons may be why this Kingdom does not yield so 77
much as formerly, we are at a loss to account for, there 78
appearing by our Survey Books to be annually a con- 86
siderable increase of bearing Vines. We shall be care- 87
full to be well inform'd to what, Causes this difference 88
is owing, and when known use the most proper methods 91
to remedy the defect. No Surveys have been taken yet
for this Year, but the Residents have already our direc-
tions to proceed on them, after the departure of the
Duke we shall see this Service duely perform'd.

25. The Residents of our several Settlements having not given us estimates of what Pepper may be expected this Season occasions us to be something at a Loss to inform you precisely with the quantity of surplus, we shall have on hand by the latter end of the Year, for loading any extra Ships that you may find expedient to send thither. We have now in our Godown at this Place, and at our Southern Settlements upwards of Four hundred Tons, and therefore imagine, that we may with safety assure your Honour &ct. Council, that we shall have over and above sufficient for our annual
Storeship seven hundred Tons which we beg that you May 23
will endeavor to get taken away otherwise we shall be in the greatest distress for room to contain it.

Fourthly of Country Government.

26. In our advices by the Tryal Sloop we acquainted you of the insurections that have happened in the Districts of Laye and Marlbro'; A particular detail of their rise, progress, and conclusion, you will find amply related under this head, in our General Letter to the Honble Court transmitted them ℘ Ship Falmouth to wh. we beg leave to refer you, since when we

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have agreable to the said Letter had before us the
Proatteens of Laye, Polly & Bencoolen, to enquire more
circumstantially into the original cause of their discon-
tents. In our Consultation held for that purpose,
you will observe that they had little to offer in their
defence, but entirely laid the Blame on those who
have absconded to the Hills, neither could they make April 7
any material objection against the Conduct of the seve-
ral People they had accused. On a serious considera-
tion of this whole affair, we conclude it the most eligible
method not to proceed to any great severities, but to
pardon their past behaviour, on their giving most
solemn assurances of future amendment. This step
we were the rather inclined to take from being perfectly
sensible, that they had already suffered sufficiently for
their rashness in the course of the late troubles; And
we are in hopes that the remembrance thereof will inti-
midate them from ever raising disturbances again, and
on our parts, we shall be particularly careful not to
give them any just reason for further complaint. They
earnestly requested the release of the four Prisoners
taken at Doosoon Raja, and we thought proper to April 14
comply with their desire therein, at the same time the
Board concluded it expedient to propose to them, the
renewal of their Contracts with the Honble Company
which they without hesitation consented to and accord-
ingly signed soon after, which opportunity we embraced
to promote those whose Behaviour had deserved con-
sideration from us.

27. Raja De Bandar who had been confined on sus- April 12
picion of being under hand concerned in these dis-
turbances was brought to his Tryal; but no positive
evidence appearing against him and all the Chiefs of
Bencoolen strongly soliciting his discharge we complied
therewith upon their giving Bond for his future good
Behaviour and his taking an Oath to be true and faith-
full to the Honble Company.

28. In March las[*sic*] we had private intimation of
a likelyhood of some disturbances breaking out at Natal,
and receiving advice from the Resident of Moco Moco,
of the three Men being arrived there, who had been
dispatched express by Mr. Wyatt in a small boat to
acquaint us of Tappanooleys being invested by 200 108
Atchenuse, but that they had lost their Boat & Letters,
and with great hazard saved themselves by swimming
on shore; We immediately held a Consultation to con- April 11
sider of this matter, when we came to a Resolution
of sending the ship Duke thither, as above related.
The Deputy Governour on his arrival at Tappanooley
found that with the assistance afforded from Natal,
the Resident there Mr. Alexander Hall had drove the
Enemy from the intrenchments they had thrown up
in that bay and after destroying many of them, had
taken all their Vessels and Arms, which it is hoped will May 15 128

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prevent their giving any troubles again of a long time, and that he had left those Settlements in Peace and Tranquility.

29. The Resident of Manna representing to us that Pangaran Natta Jagarl of Bang Kannan was in much
distress by reason of his Age, Infirmities and Indi- March 29 80 55
gency, and that his services merit some mark of favour from the Hoñble Company; we being sensible of the same, directed him a present of Fifty Dollars to purchase him some Debtors for the management of his Pepper and Paddy Plantations.

30. We were alarm'd sometime ago of the small 84
Pox being near Poogoon in the Districts of Croee. As from the fatal consequences of that distemper formerly, we were perfectly sensible how necessary it was to take early measures, to prevent if possible its reaching our own Territories, we enjoined the Resident there to guard well all the Avenues to the infected places, notwithstanding which he has informed us,
that some of the Natives from the Hills had found May 29
means to get to Poogoong, but that they had been drove
back again by the Guard. The Southern Residents 54
having been ordered to keep a strict watch, we hope 55
we shall be able to prevent that fatal Malady from 56
spreading further. 57

31. The Chiefs of the several Tribes Inhabiting the Town of Bencoolen who were formerly allowed a Stipend of $ 5 ⅌ Mensem each, which was taken of by the Supravisors in the reduction of expences as an unnecessary charge, having behaved well in the late
troubles, we have return'd it them again, in considera- April 14
tion of their fidelity hoping it will not be disproved [*sic*] of by your Honour &c[t]

32. Before we conclude this head, we beg leave to represent to your Honour &c[t]. Council, that it is our Opinion the disturbances that have lately happend here, would never have taken place, had not our forlorn circumstances, with respect to our want of Men, and Military Stores given them some hopes of succeeding in their attempts. The Character of the Malays in General is well known to be such, that for immediate profit, they will run the hazard of the Worst of Consequences to obtain it. We apprehend that the Hoñble Company will not be displeased at any expences needfull for the preservation and safety of the Settlement, provided they have an Investment adequate thereto. Pepper is the only commodity they at present require & it is well known that the Cultivation of it will very poorly answer the great pains & Labor taken to raise it. To this reason, and the constitutional Indolence inherent in these People, arises the great trouble we are at, in obliging them to fullfill their contracts, and it will be impossible for us to use compulsive means, without a force sufficient to awe

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them into a compliance, more especially at this juncture as from the Time of Mr. Lennox's quitting the Chair, the Reins of Government have seldom been held in an equal ballance, occasioned by the too great condescention of the generality of those who have been in trust here, by which means the Malays have been accustomed so much to their own will, that it will be with much difficulty to bring them under due subjection. This will take up a length of time and be almost impossible to compass without a proper force. To attempt it without will probably involve us in troubles, as some necessary severity must be always used at this place to curb the licentious disposition so prevalent among the Natives, who are not to be persuaded by fair means only, to Industry. Admitting these Arguments to be just, which in our opinion they are the necessity of having a large Country force than our present establishment, will clearly appear by your Honour &ct. and as we flatter ourselves that your sentiments here will coincide with ours, we make not the least doubt of a compliance with our request, for the Seapoys we wrote for by the Tryal Sloop for tho' at present we have the appearance of Peace and Tranquility among us, yet we are afraid the Spirit of Rebellion may not be entirely eradicated. Should it again break out, which is far from being improbable, as no doubt the minds of the Inhabitants are still much irritated, from the losses they have suffered, we may depend, that it will be more general than formerly the consequences of which we need not expatiate upon here. We are the more particular in this request from the apprehensions that Our Hoñble Masters will not be able, in the present posture of Affairs in India to furnish us with any considerable Recruit of Europeans. And indeed, were it left to our choice, We should rather give the preference to Seapoys; for in this Country which abounds with Wood and Morasses, Europeans are not so well Calculated to be sent on expeditions as well by reason of their Inability to bear with the fatigue of Marching in so hot a Climate, as to their not being able to make use of that Discipline which they have been always train'd to. The expence of such an Addition will, no doubt, be striking to your Honour &ct. It is so to us but upon mature deliberation, we judged it most advantageous for the Interest of Our Hoñble Master's that they should be put for the present to this expence, rather than run the least hazard of suffering in the Investment. Nothing would afford us higher satisfaction, than reducing the expences to the least bounds they will bear, which is what we shall in particular attend to in every Circumstance; But there are some Cases, in which we esteem the present one wherein a too near frugality is productive of much heavier Charges. We are in hopes this expence will not be of any very long continuance as we shall be carefull to diminish the

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same whenever we think the situation of Affairs in the Country will admit. It is our Duty to represent every thing we conclude has any tendency towards promoting the Interests of Our Hoñble Masters, Your's to judge and determine whether they are really so; We have therefore only to desire, your excuse for our Prolixity on this Subject, and in case you may think it expedient to comply with our request, that you will be pleased to give orders that the People to be sent us for our Service may be Stout young Men and if possible, such as are expert and have been already train'd on your Coast.

33. We shall only add further under this Head our assurances to your Honour &c^{t}. Council of our utmost endeavours to preserve the future Peace of the Country in general.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings Repairs & Revenues.

34. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the ex[c]eeding bad condition of the Buildings on this Coast in general, they having been fully represented in our former advices, We are thoroughly convinced that Our Hoñble Masters have suffered extremely by a too great frugality in this Branch, both in regard to the real expences of temporary Buildings that have been made use of for several years past, and in the loss of many Stores, which tho' it does not publickly appear, is beyond dispute very considerable. We shall therefore make use of the permission given us by the Hoñble Court in their letter by the Falmouth, to erect at this place, such Buildings as we may judge absolutely needful for the preservation of their property which we shall do with all convenient expedition, due care shall be taken to pitch upon the most frugal plan for erecting a Work of this nature consistent with what our necessities require. We cannot forward you an estimate of the expence by this conveyance but we shall be mindfull to transmit one the first opportunity that offers after we have fixed in our Resolutions.

35. Our Hoñble Masters have been at heavy Charge in erecting a Fort at Moco Moco, which has been long since compleatly finished within this Fort, there is likewise built a Range of Arched Godowns, in Length 130 Feet, and in breadth 34 feet. Over these Godowns Lodgings for the Resident and servants there were intended to be made, but have hitherto been neglected to be finished, for want of orders for that purpose and a proper number of Workmen to carry them on. There are now on hand at that place Bricks and Chunam fully sufficient to answer all the purposes required for compleating these Lodgings, building Barracks for the Military and other necessary storehouses, with Window and Door Frames nearly if not quite enough, for the whole work; so that the expence of finishing JUNE 5TH.

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these several buildings in this Fort will be really trifling & not in the least comparable to the present heavy annual Charge there is, in repairing the old Houses and Paggar now inhabited, and which must be shortly renewed. Another consideration of great moment and which alone ought to induce a removal to the new Fort, is, the precarious state Affairs are likely to be in on the Demise of the Old Sultan, there being great probability of disputes arising between his two Sons. We therefore take the liberty to give it as our opinion that it will be both the safest & Cheapest method that our Hoñble Masters can take, to compleat the buildings in the new fort, and we hope that your Honour &c^t^. Council will concur with our sentiments herein.

36. It being heretofore agreed that it was necessary — APRIL 21
to build a Godown at Sablat to receive the Pepper of
that Country, and the Resident having lately inform'd — 109
us that the materials for it were already provided, we
gave him directions to finish it with all possible
expedition. — 69

37. The large encrease of Pepper at Manna has — Do.
obliged us to direct the Resident to erect a Godown, — 67
seperate from the House to contain Two hundred Tons.
The Old House and Godown being also much decayed
we have rebuilt the Godown of Brick and are repairing
the House in a substantial manner, which is now nearly
finished and will by the Residents report last many
years.

38. The buildings at Croxe in general have been — MAR 15
long represented to us to be in a very decayed condition.
As yet we have only given the Resident directions to — 44
repair them in the best manner possible, we have also
advised him to endeavour at procuring Bricks to be
made there at the rate of $ 4½ ₱ Thousand, the price — MAY 23
given here. The Consideration of this matter will be
the subject of future Attention.

39. Our want of Slaves in the more needfull business of erecting Godowns will prevent our making use of the Hoñble Courts permission of adding the necessary Works to our present Fortifications for some time to come, so that we hope before we are in a capacity to undertake a Work of this nature, that your Honour &c^t^. will be able to send us over a proper person to conduct the management there[of].

40. We are concern'd to observe that in the Sale of
the Several Licences for the Current year many of
them are considerably decreas'd as you will find by — APRIL
our Consultations; we shall use our best endeavours — 21ST.
the next year to raise them to their former value.

41. Cumberland House being in such a bad condition as not to be habitable which has been heretofore represented to your Honour &c^t^. and Salop House considerably too Small for the Deputy Governour to

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transact the business of the Settlement in, we have hired a House for that purpose at $ 15 ℔ Mensem. Being of Opinion that there is great danger of Cumberland House falling should we be again visited with [May 23] a severe Earthquake, the Consequence whereof may probably be attended not only with the loss of some lives, but the ruin of one of the Curtains, and part of the Barracks, we take the Liberty to advise its being taken down to the first Floor and the Godowns when Terrassed, will be extreamly serviceable for the reception of Wares and other Stores needfull to be kept within the Fort.

42. We hardly need acquaint your Honour &c^t^. Council how very necessary it is, that there should be apartments in the Fort for the Deputy Governours residence therein. We request your permission to erect one, when our other Works are compleated. The materials that will be saved from the old House will considerably lessen the Expence of a new one. In our next advices we shall transmit a plan of what we judge the most convenient for this purpose, together with a Calculate of the expence, as nearly as we are able to compute it.

Sixthly of Covenant Servants Military Officers &c^t^.

43. We are to acquaint your Honour &c^t^. that the 15th. Ultimo arrived here, Roger Carter Esquire who brought with him a Paquet from the Honble Court of Directors, containing a Commission appointing him Deputy Governour of their Affairs upon this Coast [May 15] conformable thereto, he accordingly took the Chair, and his Commission was publickly read in the Fort, to which all due Obedience is paid.

44. On the appointment of M^r^. John Goodwin to be our Agent at Batavia with M^r^. John Harbet his assistant M^r^. Stewart was directed to take Charge of the Accountants employ and M^r^. Blaquieu succeeded as Sub Secretary during the absence of those Gentle- [April 21] men.

45. Being in want of Servants qualified to take [May 23^D^.] Charge of the employs at this Place, and M^r^. Prestons suspension being owing to any misconduct of his in the Companys Affairs, but only to a private misunder- [May 23] standing betwixt the late Supravisor and him, we have therefore nominated him to be Warekeeper and Sea Customer.

46. Some disagreements happening between the [March 15] Resident of Saye and M^r^. Henry Russell his assistant, [No. 78] the latter was recalled and M^r^. John Guild sent thither in his stead.

47. M^r^. John Williams was dismissed their [April 18] Honours service for reasons which will appear on our [21] Consultations to which We beg leave to refer you. [May 6]

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48. Mr. Bastion Smith's conduct at Cawoor giving great disgust to the Natives of that Place, we have been obliged to order him from thence, and we shall be carefull hereafter to send thither a person better qualified for that Station. MAY 23

49. We have given an Ensigns Commission to Serjeant Cockrup of the Train of Artillery, and suppressed those formerly given to Messrs. Herbert & King. MAY 29

50. For the disposition of the inferior Servant we beg leave to refer you to the list now sent.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

51. We are concerned that it is not in our Power to forward to your Honour &ct. Council by this opportunity, all the Books, and Accounts which we are in Arrear to your Presidency a particular list of which JUNE 5 we send in this dispatch wherein is inserted the reasons of our not being able to compleat them. We shall be carefull to have them in readiness for sending the next Conveyance.

52. We cannot but observe, that the sending the Paymasters, Civil & Military Storekeeper's & Warehousekeeper's Monthly Accounts in Broken Setts, is not only of no service to you but occasions much Trouble & perplexity, We therefore hope you will not JUNE 5TH. take it amiss if in future we transmit Copys only of those Books when Ballanced. In regard to the employs that keep no regular Setts, such as the Military Paymaster, Pepper Godownkeeper and Sea Customer we shall send them you as drawn out Annually from Primo May & ending Ultimo April, which Method we hardly doubt but will meet your approbation.

53. In future due attention shall be given to your Orders for putting marginal notes to our Consultations and direct that our Letters be properly referenced. And when we transmit Consultations for a whole year we shall be carefull to forward an Index with them.

54. You will please to observe in our Letter to the Honble Court which went ℔ Ship Oxford that we therein advised them of there being formerly a Ballance upon the Books here T of $ 1616. 2. 53 due to the Estate of John Savage deceased which was wrote off them to Account Current Fort St. George long since. We have extracted from the Books a particular Account with the Estate, Copy thereof comes enclosed in this Pacquet for your perusal which is all the Information we can give in this matter.

55. Mr. Charles Hampton who stood indebted to the Honble Company for sundry deficiencies in the Storehouse during his management addressed us for further consideration to be made him, which we not thinking proper to comply with for reasons contained MARCH 29 in Consultation, he accordingly discharged the Bond MAY 15 which he gave the Supravisors for the amount.

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56. Captain Robert Jackson Commander of the Grampus Tender applying for money to disburse on the said Ships account, we have advanced him at two several Payments, Two Thousand Five hundred Dollars (2500) for which he has given two setts of Bills of exchange drawn on the Honble George Pigot Esqr. payable to your Honor &ct. Council. The first Bill we transmitted ℘ Sloop Tryal, and the Second by the Sloop Mary but as they are both of them precarious JUNE 5
bottoms and not thinking it adviseable to trust the third Bills from thence, we desired Captain Jackson to give us two more Setts for that Sum & we now forward the first Bills.

57. We shall be mindfull in our next address to the Honble Court, to give them all the information we can concerning the difference of the sale in the Arrack Farm, as let by Messrs. Hurlock & Hindley during their Government, and afterwards by the supravisors, Copy of which shall be forwarded for your perusal.

58. Mr. Williams Pepper Godownkeeper reported to MAR. 15
Tons lb. qr. lb.
the Board that there appear'd a deficiency of 9 9 0 5 of Pepper on clearing the Godown, which being a large quantity we directed the Accountant to examine into it. This matter still remains unadjusted, there being many Errors found in his account which cannot be settled till we receive further information from JUNE 5
several out Residencies, of Consignments made by them of this Article.

59. As we have not receiv'd any accounts of Adjustments for many years past we request that you will please to send us a Compleat and explicit account thereof, that our Books may correspond with yours.

60. The Ballance of our Honble Master's Cash Remaining this day is in Dollars Soocas & Cash ($53629. 3. 79) Fifty three thousand, Six hundred & Twenty nine Dollars, Three Soccas and Seventy nine Cash. We are respectfully

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient servants

FORT ST. MARLBRO'
14TH. JUNE 1758.

ROGER CARTER.
R. MARRIOTT.
JOSEPH DARVALL.
JOSEPH GUNN.
ROBT. HAY.

SUPPLEMENT.

61. Since closing our head of shipping we have received advice from the Resident of Croee that the Sloop Mary which carried our dispatches under date

of the 8th. February last, had put in there in great distress, & that after receiving cuch Assistance as could be afforded she proceeded for Batavia. We are

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LIST OF PAPERS IN THE FORT MARLBRO BOX PACKET MARKED A TO FORT ST. GEORGE DATED THE 14TH. JUNE 1758 ℔ SHIP DUKE.

No. 1 General Letter to the President and Council of Fort St. George dated 14th. June 1758.
2 Dup. General Letter to the President and Council of Fort St. George (via Batavia) dated the 19th. May 1758 ℔ Ganges.
3 Dup. General Letter to the President and Council of Fort St. George (Via Batavia) dated 29 April 1758 ℔ Greyhound.
4 Dup. General Letter to the President & Council of Fort St George dated the 8 February 1758 ℔ Sloop Mary.
5 Copy List of the Packet for Fort St. George dated the 8 February 1758 ℔ Sloop Mary.
6 Triplicane [*sic*] General Letter to the President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 23 January 1758 ℔ Tryal Sloop.
7 Copy General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated 3d. March 1758 ℔ Falmouth.
8 Copy of the Resident of Mannas Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated the 10 March 1758 ℔ Falmouth.
9 Copy of General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated 20th. February 1758 ℔ Norfolk & Princess Augusta.
10 Copy of General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors (via Batavia) dated 2d. June 1757 ℔ Phoenix Schooner.
11 Cash Account Commencing Primo June 1758 ending 14th. Ditto
12 Captain Jackson's Bill of Exchange on the Honble George Pigot Esqr. for $ 1500 dated 3d. June 1758.
13 Captain Jackson's first Bill of Exchange on the Honble George Pigot Esqr. for $1000 dated 3d. June 1758.
14 Captain Jackson's first Obligation for the Payment of Freight on Sundry Merchandize laden by him on the Duke dated 3 June 1758.
15 Account Current the Arrack & Sugar Undertakers from the 31 July 1757 to Ultimo April 1758 dated the 10th. June 1758.
16 Account Current the Estate of John Savage deceased as appears by our General Books dated 10th. June 1758.
17 Ship Dukes Account Current dated 10th. June 1758.
18 Dup. Sloop Tryals Expences on account of the Grampus Tender dated the 8 June 1758 (Original sent ℔ Tryal Sloop).
19 Invoice of Sundrys laden on board the Ship Duke dated 10 June 1758.
20 Captain Thomas Powneys first Bill of Lading for Sundrys.
21 Manifest of Goods on board the Duke for Fort St. George dated 12th. June 1758.

22 General Dispatches to Bengal ℔ Ship Duke dated 14th. June 1758.
23 Copy Captain Thomas Powneys Sailing Orders dated 14th. June 1758.
24 Copy Report from the Captains Powney & Jackson dated 13 June 1758.
25 Copy Messrs. Edward Frith & William Tobison their report of 8 Pieces of Iron Ordnace [*sic*] carrying 4 Pound Shott which Captain Jackson has lent us dated 8 June 1758.
26 Paymasters abstract of standing Charges dated 8 June 1758.
27 Produce of Pepper of Fort Marlbro' and its depencies [*sic*] from Primo May 1755 to Ultimo April 1758 Compared dated the 10th. June 1758.
28 Account of Extraordinary Charges occasioned by the late Disturbances at Laye Polley &ct. dated 10th. June 1758.
29 Abstract of the Country Guard at Fort Marlbro' and its Dependences [*sic*] dated the 8th. June 1758.
30 Indent of Civil Stores wanted for the year 1759 dated 5th. June 1758.
31 Indent of Military Stores wanted for the Year 1759 dated 5th. June 1758.
32 Indent of Wares wanted for the Year 1759 dated 5 June 1758.
33 List of the Honble Companys Rent & Revenues at Fort Marlbro' and its dependences [*sic*] dated 12th. June 1758.
34 List of Sundry Books & Accounts which this Settlement appears to be indebted to Fort St. George dated 12th. June 1758.
35 List of the Covenanted Servants & their several Stations at Fort Marlbro' and its dependences [*sic*] dated 12th. June 1758.
36 List of Baptisms, Marriages & Burials from the 22d. July 1756 to 12th. May 1758 dated the 8th. June 1758.
37 List of Deaths and Diseases from Primo July 1756 to Ultimo May 1758 dated 10th. June 1758.
38 List of Free Inhabitants at Fort Marlbro' and its dependances [*sic*] to Ultimo May 1758 dated 12 June 1758.
39 List of Lascars at Fort Marlbro' dated the 8th. June 1758.
40 List of Slaves & Transports at Fort Marlbro' & its dependences [*sic*] dated the 8th. June 1758.
41 Dup. General Abstract of the Pepper Plantations on the West Coast of Sumatra as taken in the years 1755 & 1756 compared (Original sent ℔ Hartop).
42 General Abstract of Pepper Plantations on the West Coast of Sumatra as taken in the Years 1756 to 1757 Compared.
43 Muster Roll of the Europeans & Topasses in Garrison at Fort Marlbro' and its dependences [*sic*].
43 Muster Roll of the Europeans & Topasses in Garrison at Fort Duke.
45 List of Books in the Fort Marlbro' Box Packet marked B ℔ Ship Duke.

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JOHN GAYER
Secry.

N.B.—Numbers 41, 42 & 43 are in the Box Packet Marked B.

JOHN GAYER
Secry.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE FORT MARLBRO' BOX PACKET FOR FORT ST. GEORGE MARKED B ℔ SHIP DUKE CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY VIZT.

No.	Book		Period
1	Journal General Books K. K.	..	Commencing Primo May 1755. Ending Ultimo April 1756.
2	Ledger General Books K. K.	..	Commencing Primo May 1755. Ending Ultimo April 1756.
3	Journal General Books L. L.	..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
4	Ledger General Books L. L.	..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
5	Moco Moco Journal.	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1755. Ending Ultimo April 1756.
6	Moco Moco Ledger	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1755. Ending Ultimo April 1756.
7	Paymasters Journal	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
8	Paymasters Ledger	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
9	Paymasters Accounts	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1757. Ending Ultimo March 1758.
10	Sea Customer's Accounts	..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo March 1758.
11	Storekeeper's Journal	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
12	Storekeeper's Ledger	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
13	Storekeeper's Accounts	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1757. Ending Ultimo March 1758.
14	Military Storekeeper's Journal	..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
15	Military Storekeeper's Ledger	..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo April 1757.
16	Military Storekeeper's Accounts.		Commencing Primo May 1757. Ending Ultimo March 1758.
17	Warekeeper's Accounts	.. ..	Commencing Primo May 1756. Ending Ultimo March 1758.
18	Consultation broken Sett	..	Commencing 15 Septr. Ending Ultimo Decr. } 1757.
19	Consultations broken Sett	..	Commencing Primo Jañry. Ending the 14 June } 1758.
20	Letters Sent broken Sett	..	Commencing 15 Septr Ending Ultimo Decr. } 1757.
21	Letters Sent broken Sett	..	Commencing Primo Jañry. Ending 14 June } 1758.
22	Letters Received broken Sett	..	Commencing Primo Jañry. Ending Ultimo Decr. } 1757.
23	Letters Received broken Sett	..	Commencing Primo Jañry. Ending 14 June } 1758.
24	Cash Accounts Broken Sett	..	Commencing Primo July 1756. Ending Ultimo May 1758.
25	Courts Martial & Enquiries	..	Commencing 19th June 1756. Ending Ultimo May 1758.

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JOHN GAYER.
Secry.

No. 55.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WEST COAST AFFAIRS AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. I take the Liberty to address to your Honor &ct. a particular Letter concerning the West Coast Affairs, there being through hurry in dispatching

the Duke some few matters omitted in the General Letter by her others that, to particularize so fully as they are ought to be, would swell it to too great a length, as also some that I did not think it prudent to insert therein, all which you will permit me to write on under the usual Heads.

First Concerning Shipping.

2. Not thinking it prudent to depend entirely on the Vessel I bought, to transport me hither for a supply of Powder &c[t]. induced me to dispatch the Duke so soon as she could be got ready. We have in our General Letter requested she may be immediately returnd us, and I now again repeat the same; for without her, we shall scarcely be able to get up our Southern Pepper, and consequently be at a loss to make up the Tonnage of Pepper, which we have given you expectation of. Should the Duke leave your Coast in September or October, I beg leave to recommend, that the first Port she touches at be Moco Moco and that the Commander be enjoined to land what Salt & Stores the Resident there may require. This step will be a great saving to our Hon̄ble Masters in the Charges, as well as Wastage, incurr'd on the former Article, by its being landed here, and there reloaded on board the Storeship for that Settlement; it will likewise enable us to give our annual Ship a quicker Dispatch from hence to our Norther[n] Settlements, which will not only free us from the Hazard of keeping her on Demorage, but if she meets with a Quick Return, enable us to land all the Pepper she brings at Pooloo, to be in readiness for the Extra Ships sent here, and allow us Time to send her to Manna for the whole years Investment at that Place. The Captain of the Duke ought likewise to be directed to follow such Orders as the Resident of Moco Moco shall give him, as we may perhaps find it necessary that she touch at Ippoo, Cattown & Laye to deliver Salt for the yearly Consuption [*sic*] of those Places and to take in what Rice or Boards they may have collected for the use of this Settlement.

3. We have been very particular in representing the ill Consequences of permitting the Dutch to go in the manner they do at present. You will see that not content with exercising a Cruel and dispotic Power, in that they call their own Territories, they have extended it even to ours. Their Intention herein plainly indicates, that they aim at intimidating the Natives under our Government from either engaging in Trade themselves, or navigating our Vessels. They have too well succeeded in these Points, for now it is morally impossible to prevail on any of them to sail in our Service. Is it not striking that they do not medle with, or even molest any other Vessells, but what sails from Fort Marlbro? What can be the reason of it? Is it more unlawful for us to Trade than for others? And does it not from hence appear, that they think we have not Interest sufficient to procure Redress? else, why these Outrages to us only? I am very sorry to say, that they have had hitherto, too much Room to make this conclusion. Matters are now come to such a Crises that if proper methods are not taken to put a stop to their Incroachments, it will be impossible for us to send a Boat from one Out Settlement to another, suffering these Insolencies of theirs at Sea may be attended with bad Consequences to our Land Interest the Inhabitants here being fully sensible of them, there being few Families at Bencoolen, who have not been sufferers more or less, besides the cruel & long Confinement of many, who have unhappily fallen into their hands, so that they already begin to despise us, and give Credit to the insolent Declaration the Dutch have frequently made, that the English are unable to stand before their Company and that whoever depends on so precarious a Protection, shall be sure to feel their severest Vengeance. I hope Gentlemen, that you will be pleas'd to recommend very particularly this affair to the serious attention of the Hon̄ble the President & Council who I make no doubt will clearly perceive the necessity there is concerting and pursuing such measures, as to them will appear most expedient to put a stop to such injurious & insolent Treatment, which we have fatally Experienced for so many Years past.

4. Our great want of proper Vessells is fully set forth in our Letter to the Board, I shall therefore here only Offer a few more Arguments, why those we now write for are the most fit for our service, Croee Residency produces upwards of one hundred Tons of Pepper, a considerable Increase is expected next Year, and I make no doubt, that with a proper Management of the Resident there, it will amount soon to a very large Quantity. The Residency of Cawoor is also growing very advantageous; the Pepper received there last year was sixty four Tons, & there still remains a great quantity of the last Seasons Crop not yet deliver'd in, I may venture to assure you that the Investment there will be shortly One hundred if not One hundred & fifty Tons. In your Report to the Honble the President & Council, under date of the 13th. April 1757 You justly observe that our Honble Masters have been very unfortunate in this Branch of their concerns; What is the reason of it, and the most proper Methods to pursue hereafter to remedy it, require Consideration. In my opinion, it is evidently owing to such Vessels as we have hitherto had, being, by reason of their small Burthen, not at all filled to our purposes. If they were too small formerly, they must consequently be more so now that our Pepper Investment is so considerably increas'd, We were obliged to let them run so long together without having them ashore, and giving them proper and timely repairs that they were soon worn out, and so bad when they came to be repaired, that it could seldom or never be done effectually. Having them of Dimensions we request, will obviate this Difficulty, and free us from many other Inconveniencies. In regard to the expence, I don't imagine the Difference would be great, The same Officers would serve for one as the other, there would only be an addition of some Lascars. You will also please to observe, that when our seasons are once set in, they generally blow so fresh, that it is with the greatest difficulty Vessels beat up against them. The properest time for sending either to the Southward or Northward, is in March, April & September in these Months they are almost sure of quick Passages, both in going and returning, the Winds being very variable. When we are able to bring up a whole seasons Pepper at once, we can always time it so and thereby prevent the many heavy Losses the Company have suffered by sending at improper seasons for the Pepper, such as the Loss of the Sloop Louisa & her Cargoe, with others since. In the intervening Time, we shall be able to repair them, or send them over to your Coast for what supplies we may be in want of, as Circumstances may direct us Under this Article, you will permit me to request You will please to represent to the Honble the President & Council how acceptable it would be to us could any Carpenters & Caulkers be sent us from Bombay.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE &C^A.

5. The Rice receiv'd from Bengal, and what we have been able to get from our Out Settlements has been so large, that we reckon upon nearly eighteen Months Stock in our Godowns, so that the 1500 Bags we have wrote from Bengal will be fully sufficient for the year 1759. Salt we shall soon want, & it is very necessary, that we should be largely supply'd with it. The Ship Duke is not, I believe, more than 200 Tons Burthen, and therefore unable to bring us a sufficiency. In what a Condition we should have been in for want of this Article, if Providence had not favour'd us by sending in a Dutch Ship loaded with it. As we are now able to provide for so large a Tonnage, I hope that the ships sent hither on that Business, will always bring as much as will answer our Demands.

6. Hitherto I have not been able to make very particular Enquiry into the Condition of the Arrack and Sugar Plantation. On examining into their Debt, by the Account which M^r. Stuart the Accountant presented me, it appeared that they owed not much above three thousand Dollars. I was a good deal surprized to find afterwards, that they were likewise indebted four thousand two hundred Dollars more for fourteen Months Rent of the Arrack Farm. This Neglect of not receiving it Monthly, was first begun in M^r. Pybus's

Administration & was continued in the succeeding one. The Money due them for their two Thirds of the Arrack & Sugar delivered into the Companys Godown, has been stopt in part Payment of it; There still remains due two thousand Dollars, which I shall endeavor to get paid as soon as possible after the Dukes Dispatch, but am much afraid that I shall meet with some difficulty therein. In future I shall be particularly carefull that it is paid Monthly, as well as all the other Farms.

7. I must again repeat our great want of Slaves though we have desired only 100 or 150 Men in the General Letter, yet I think that we could very well dispense with 200 Men & 100 Women, more than our present Number. At these times, I fancy we are not to flatter ourselves with the hopes of a supply; but I hope that when the present Warr is over, You will be so good as to strengthen our Remonstrances to the Hoñble Court, for a ship being sent to Madagascar for that Purpose. When we are supply'd with a large Number, we shall then be able to station them under the several artificers, and by that Means, soon be enabled to carry on most of the Business of the Place, without employing the Malays, which will not only be cheaper & better done. but also add greatly to the security of the Settlement.

8. The Purchase of Captain Powneys Ophium appeared to me a very extraordinary Proceeding. In Justice to the Company, and to free my Character from any future Aspersion, I could not omit taking publick notice of it in our Consultation of the 5th. of June. Messrs. Marriott, Gunn & Hay have also given in an Answer thereto, There appears to me scarce any probability of its setting so much being in private hands. I am at the greatest Loss what to do with it or which way to Manage so as to get it off, with no disadvantage to the Company, the Price it was purchas'd at, being so very extravagant.

9. By the Several Disappointments we have met with, in not receiving the Gunpowder and other stores you intended us, it appears how necessary it is, that we should always have a large stock of every Article in our Godowns, that we may not hereafter be almost at the Mercy of the Malays which in reality has been the Case for some Time past.

10. I must beg the favor that you will please to stop out of this Years Madeira Ship, ten Pipes of Wine for the use of the Servants on this Coast.

Thirdly of Investment.

11. It was fortunate that the late Warr happen'd in part of the Country where this Article could not be much prejudic'd. As our troubles have ended favorably on our Parts, it is probable that we may hereafter find the People mor [*sic*] tractable in obeying our Injunctions for the Cultivation of Pepper. This will however depend a good deal on our Condition here, if they find us able to compel them, they will give us no trouble; if not, they will still remain dilatory in this Point. Surveys shall be regularly taken at the proper Seasons, and due care observed in comparing them, & giving proper directions to the Residents in consequence thereof. After all it very much, if not altogether depends on the Residents taking proper care in the Interrim, that those Gardens found foul are immidiately cleaned. The Malays know the time of our taking the Surveys, when they are careful to have their Gardens clean, afterwards neglect them till the next season returns. It is now nearly five Years since the Custom of taking Surveys by Europeans has taken Place. Is it not amazing, that, tho' by our survey Books the number Nines are very considerably Increased, yet the produce falls in many Places short of what it was formerly. Manna is the only Place where the Vigilence & Care of the Resident if all have been equal in their assiduity, Appears, & from whence our Hoñble Masters has receiv'd any advantage, in this Point I will not say that the other Residencies are equally capable of so great an Improvement; but it is very

certain they might be made to produce a much larger Investment, than they do at present. I shall endeavour to find out the real Cause of this and hope in my next advices to give some Light how it has happen'd.

12. You will observe that under this Head, we have given you expectations of 700 Tons of Pepper, over & above our annual Ships Loading. This Calculation has been made by the Board here. I believe we are rather under than above the Mark, but we are not the proper Judges; the several Residents ought to give us an account of what may be expected at their respective Residencies. This I shall take care to have done hereafter.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

13. I am sorry to find that the Country is not perfectly reconcil'd to us. Their Losses in the late Troubles sit heavy on them, and I strongly suspect, that the fear of worse consequences, is the sole Reason of their being now quiet Should they be able to form any great Addition of strength, they may possibly again break out. The best & surest Method, joined to a proper Management to prevent any thing of this sort is strengthning our hands here, with a force we can rely on. Buggases are usefull in many Cases, but not entirely to be depended on in such Circumstances. Those we employ in this Capacity in troublesome times are generally the very Refuse of the Malays, & many of them perhaps connected with the Enemy, should they revolt after being supply'd by us with arms & Ammunition, which we are obliged to give them on these occasions, it would perhaps be with difficulty we should be able to keep the Fort, & the Country must inevitably be destroy'd. This Circumstances may not possibly happen; but it is far from being impracticable, and I think ought to be guarded against. The expence of the proposed addition to our Country Guard will no doubt be a subject of your Consideration; but, I flatter myself, that when the present circumstances of this Country is weigh'd together with the large Investment now got, & the fine prospect there is of its being still greater, if we are in a capacity to keep the Country in Peace, & the inhabitants to their duty of making Pepper Gardens, agreeable to their Contracts, You will concurr in our Opinion, that it is much more eligible for the Company to be put to this certain Charge for sometime, than run the least Risque of hurting their Investment.

14. I enclose to your Honour &c^t^. a Copy of a Letter I left with M^r^. Richard Wyatt, Resident of Natal, relating to the Methods I would have him pursue for the withdrawing that Settlement and Tappanooley. The Honble Court were pleas'd on representing the Necessity there was to keep this Resolution secret, to direct their Orders concerning it to me, and the two Senior Council. On my arrival at Natal, I found that the Private Traders had been at some Pains to instil into the Inhabitants that the Company had given Orders about it, and they pressed me much to know whether it was really so. I evaded giving them a positive answers, and in general assured them That the Company never withdrew their protection, from those who were worthy of it; that they were sensible they had given us solemn assurances of planting Pepper, of which there was not the least prospect; That the Company had been at very heavy charges in maintaining their Freedom and Independency, and that there was great probability, that when the company found that they had been deceiv'd by them in their part of the Contract, they would think themselves disengaged from their Promises therein; For it would be unreasonable in them to expect, that so many People should be kept at Natal, solely for their Protection at the Companys expence, without any present advantage, or future Prospects of any. I enjoined Mr. Wyatt to make the same observation, and at all times to insinuate that they must not expect the continuance of the Companys Favor, which was granted them on no other Condition, but that of procuring them Pepper, which they had never yet once attempted to cultivate.

In regard to withdrawing this Settlement, I shall agreeable to the Orders from the Honble Court, punctually execute their Commands whenever I have means in my Power to make a step of this Nature practicable, without running too great hazard of our Honble Masters Effects and the Lives & Fortunes of their Servants there, and such Inhabitants as have since settled under our Protection. This you must be sensible cannot be done, with the vessels we have here; on which consideration it will be necessary to wait the return of the ship Duke, when we shall probably with her Assistance, and such small vessels we may have beside, be able to make up sufficient Tonnage for that Service. Whatever Directions it may be thought proper to give further in this affair, I beg that they may be directed to me solely, it being necessary to keep it secret, till ready to put in Execution, as the divulging of it may hazard the Lives of the Gentlemen & Garrison there.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS &C^T^.

15. There is nothing particular for me to say under this Head, excepting taking the liberty of recommending to your serious consideration what is wrote in the General Letter to the President and Council. That relating to Moco Moco Fort ought I think to be the next work set about, after the Godowns at Marlbro' are finished. The Sultan begins to grow old, and the sooner we are firmly settled in it the better. If it be possible to procure any artificers, either on your Coast, Bombay or Bengal, they would be of the greatest service to us. The Company have been very unfortunate in the Choice of Bricklayers; the one they sent out hither sometime since was so very bad, that we were obliged to send him home again, and the Man sent on the Falmouth is full as worthless, and knows nothing of his Business. Should it lay in our Power to entertain any, we shall make use of the Liberty given us for the purpose; but it is very seldom People of that profession come this way.

16. The Moco Moco & Croee Licences were disposed of this Year at a much cheaper Rate than has been customary for some Years past. The Gentlemen here were in the wrong to let them go as they did. I hope the next Year to bring them to their stated value, as settled by the supervisors.

SIXTHLY OF COMPANY'S SERVANTS &C^T^.

17. Mr. Marriott and the Council have taken a very extraordinary Step in making four Captains, expressly against the Regulations of our Coast, and not at all wanted. If it was not for the consideration of Captain Nelson being stopped here from his Voyage, on the promise of a Commission & a Company, I should not hesitate a Moment to reduce them to the stated Number. He is since Married & has put himself to great Expences it would therefore be using him not a little hardly to deprive him of the Terms he was promised, especially as he is a Man that bears a good Character as an Officer. When Natal is withdrawer, we shall be able in all probability, & provided our Request for Seapoys is Comply'd with to send over to your Coast, a Party of forty or fifty Europeans; so that if he were permitted to command them thither, we could be pretty well able to reduce the other Company, now commanded by Captain Stodart, who I believe would be contented with a Promise of succeeding to the first Vacancy.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

18. Should there be any Mistakes or Omissions in our dispatch by the Duke, I must beg that You will please to consider my late arrival, and my not being concern'd in any Transactions before that time which consequently renders me not so well able to give an exact and particular Detail of them, nor in so explicite a Manner, as they perhaps require.

19. It would be vastly agreeable, if your Honour &ca. will be pleased to forward us an exact Account of Adjustments between your General Books & Ours, as likewise an Annual Account of what this settlement is charged for the ship

Duke, & any other vessels employ'd by You for the service of this Coast. This I earnestly desire, as it will be very acceptable to me to be Inform'd of the Total Charges Our Honble Masters are at, in maintaining their Settlements on this Coast.

I am, with great Respect

FORT MARLBRO'
14TH. JUNE 1758.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servant
ROGER CARTER.

TO MR. RICHARD WYATT
RESIDENT OF NATAL.

SIR

As there is the greatest Probability that the Honble Company will be induced, from the great Expences of this Settlement, and the small Prospect there is of the Inhabitants being ever brought to the Cultivation of Pepper, or any other Commodity that will Answer the Europe Market, to withdraw their servants & Effects entirely away, I think it necessary to caution you against running into any heavy Expences in their account, or involving yourself in particular in any Branches of Trade, that may not be collected in at a very short Warning; and till their Pleasure shall be known, to make use of every Opportunity of sending up to Marlbro' such useless cumbersome stores, as you think you may not be in immediate Want of, that when Orders may arrive for quitting you may not be too much lumbered, but in doing this, I particularly recommend it to You, to make use of all the Caution possible, that the Inhabitants may not have the least Suspicion any such Step is intended as they might in such a Case, meditate Revenge. I leave it to You to hint to the other Gentlemen, how necessary it is in these times, when the Fate of the Place is Yet in Suspence, to trade in the most wary Manner, and not on any Account contract Debts, or enter into concerns in the Shipping Way. Your own and the Safety of the People under you in my Opinion depends acting in this affair with the utmost Secrecy and Caution. In your next advices to Mr. Hall, you will likewise give him such orders and directions as you may judge requisite to answer these Intentions.

As you have been present in the several Bechars I have had with Dattoo Besar & the Head Men it is therefore not Necessary for me to point out to you that you must, as soon as convenient, after I am gone, send to know their Resolution about planting Pepper; If they tell you that they will do it, in your Answer you must acquaint them that the Company is no longer to be put off with words, but they expect immediate Proofs of what they are able and willing to do, and on no Account give them any respite, but press them to a present Performance, at the same time you must plainly tell them, as I have done that it was owing solely to their promise of planting Pepper that the Place was settled, and that if the Company found, no heed is given by them to their part of the Contract, they should think themselves absolutely free from theirs, and consequently soon ease themselves of the heavy charges the Settlement is to them. If they, on the other hand, declare that they cant make their People undertake such a thing, without Money being advanced, all you have then to do is, to tell them that you will acquaint me with their Resolution, and wait for Orders. I recommend it also to you, to take every Opportunity in your private Talk, with the Merchants and others of hinting how much the Company is disapointed in their promises of Pepper, which was their sole Inducement to settle here, and that it is your Opinion they will not long bear such heavy Expence, without any Prospect of Advantage, as has been, and still is the case. But this must be done with address so that they may not surmise any such Resolution is already taken.

Sultan Awal Laddeen seems very desirous of going to Marlbro', You must encourage him in this Resolution and by all Means get him to put it in Execution, may, [*sic*] should he retract, Force must be used to bring him away, in Case the Settlement is withdrawn, as it may be of bad Consequence to the Kingdom of Arrack Soongey, should the Dutch get Possession of his Person.

Try by all Means to introduce the Achenese again both here and Tappanooley. Should the Company keep the Settlement, they are the only People that can bring any very considerable Trade to this Place, and if the Company gives it up, they are able, if once admitted, to keep our Rivals the Dutch out, & consequently not lose us entirely the Trade of this Part of the Coast.

This Letter you must not permit any one to see, and you are to direct any advices you may have to send in Consequence of it to me & the Secret Committee of Fort Marlbro', taking care to enclose it in the Publick Letter, and not in a seperate Packet, till you may receive Orders for that purpose

I suppose the Gentlemen of Marlbro' will on your last Advices to them, send up the Duke, if not sailed for Madras to your Assistance. If by their Letter they should not very much press her return to that Place, I think it will be more for the Companys Interest to order her directly to the Coast, as she may then bring us Supplies of what Stores are wanted this Year, whereas, by ordering her again to Marlbro', there is the greatest Probability of her not being able to make another Trip this year. I am,

Sir

Natal — Your most humble Servant

24th. April 1758. — Roger Carter.

No. 56.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Accompanying this you will please to receive Copy of a Letter addressed Your honour &ca. Council under date the 26 May last, by the late Mr. John Goodwin, who was soon afterwards swept off by a malignant Fever. By advices received since from the Worshipfull Roger Carter Esqr. Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort Marlbro', they are pleased to countermand the purchase of a Vessell, as well as Iron, on the Honble Company's Account, and also direct, that as large a sum as possible be remitted to your honour &ct. ℘ the Ganges, Capt. Peter Duncan, the same has been duely complyed with, for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer you to a joint Address of this Date signed by Mr. Peter Garden, & myself; Mr. Goodwin having likewise appointed that Gentleman to transact the Honble Company's as well as his private Affairs, How far an Appointment with Respect to the former is regular, & Consonant with the Standing Orders will for the present fall more immediately under the Consideration of the Board at Fort Marlbro'. Since the last dispatch, we have had Intelligence that One of Our China Ships was seen going through the Streights of Bally the Beginning of last Month. None of the Netherlands Company's ships from Amsterdam are yet arrived, tho Six were expected from thence early in June. People here are under no small Apprehensions that the turn Affairs have taken in Europe may be the Cause of their not appearing. By a Vessell which left the Cape the beginning of April, no

Europe Ship was there at that time. The obtaining of Gunpowder here for the Service of the Settlements on the West Coast is absolutely impracticable, your honour &c^{t}. will I therefore make no doubt embrace as early an Opportunity as Possible of furnishing them with a Supply of that very Esential Article. Having nothing further to add at present, I beg leave to subscribe myself with the greatest Deference,

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servant
JOHN HERBERT.

BATAVIA
5TH. JULY 1758.

N°. 57.

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

M^{r}. John Goodwin who came hither as Agent from Fort Marlbro', to transact some Affairs on Account of the Honble Company has been unfortunately carried off by a Violent Fever before he was able to accomplish any of them; A few days before his Decease he executed a Codicil, which is filed in the Register Office of this City, appointing us his Executors, as well for his Publick, as private Concerns. M^{r}. Herbert in a Separate Address will write your Honour &c^{t}. Council on General Matters, as the present serves only to inclose Capt^{t}. Peter Duncan's first Receit for \$ 6000 Six thousand Spanish D^{rs}. laden to your Address, on board his ship, the Ganges, pursuant to the Orders of the Worshipful Roger Carter Esqr. Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort Marlbro'; And we have also, as directed given Advice of this Consignment to the Government of Fort S^{t}. David, that in Case the Ship touches there first, they may, if they think proper, land it.

We are very Respectfully
HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants
PETER GARELIN.
JOHN HERBERT.

BATAVIA
5TH. MAY 1758.

N°. 58.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

We enclose Duplicate of our last Address wherein we acquainted your Honour &c^{t}. that we had ordered a sloop to be built for the West Coast, and our Honble Masters having directed that such a Cargoe shall be laden on her,

as will turn to the best account, We desire your Honour &c^t. will acquaint us, whether you choose to have her sent to Madras, or directly to the West Coast, and in the latter Case, now we can best comply with their Commands.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t. Servants
R^D. BOURCHIER.
CHA: CROMMELIN.
W. YEAGWICKE [*sic*].
T. BYFELD.
W^M. HORNBY.
SAM^L. HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE
4TH. JULY 1758.

N°. 59.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^T. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you, under the 4th. Ultimo & having nothing material to communicate, this serves purposely, to enclose Duplicate thereof.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
RICH^D. BOURCHIER.
CHA: CROMMELIN.
W. YEDGWICKE [*sic*].
T. BYFELD.
W^M. HORNBY.
SAM: HOUGH

BOMBAY CASTLE
4TH. AUGUST 1758.

N°. 60.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^T. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The last General Advices from your Presidency were dated the 16th. April last, Since when We addressed your Honour &c^t. under the 31st. May & has been received by the Chief a Letter from your Secret Committee of the 15th. May.

This is to advise that on the 17th. Instant Reimported at Myhie the Bristol from Bussorah & sailed again the Night before last, but whither we are not certain, As some say she is gone Directly to Pondicherry & others to the Maldivas, to take on board forty Europeans saved from two ships wrecked there this season.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^t. Serv^ts.
THO^S. HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
THO^S. SATCHWELL.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

TELLICHERRY
26TH. AUG^T. 1758.

No. 61.

To the Honble George Pigot Esquire
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this day drawn on you for three hundred Star Pagodas in favour of Mr. Dawsonne Drake, & hope you will please to honor my Draught. I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servant.
James Bourchier.

Deve Cotah
4th. June 1758.

No. 62.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favours of the 26th. March 21st. April and 10th. July. As the two first did not arrive with us till long after the season proper for dispatching any Vessels to your Coast, We could not comply with your Request of sending up a fourth ship to your Presidency.

We are extreamly pleas'd by your last Letter to hear of the safe arrival of the Boscawen, Grantham, and Fox at your Place.

Such Salt Petre as we can furnish shall be sent you as opportunities offer, the quantity we cannot ascertain.

Your omitting to mention whether you could assist in loading home a ship in September has prevented our sending up one of those we have herewith 200 Tons of Petre & Red Wood, should your advices upon that subject arrive in time for a ship to proceed to your settlement early next Month and the Tonnage on hand require such a disposition, a Ship shall be sent you half Laden from hence, We hope the first Letter We receive from you will bring us Advice of the annual Shipping being arrived and inform us exactly what Bales will be furnished by your Settlement and at what time.

As We are in hopes you will have receiv'd some Advices from the West Coast by the Company's Ship Duke, We request you will inform Us by the earliest opportunity what quantity of Surplus Pepper there is likely to be at Fort Marlbro' this season and whether your Honour &ct. intend sending a ship thither.

Sometime in the Month of April the Tryall Sloop imported here from Bencoolen with a Packet for your Honour &ct. which we transmit You by this vessel and shall forward a Copy of her Letter by that sloop who will leave this Place in a few days for your Coast. We have advanced the Master [*Lacuna*] at two different times for which he has given us Bills on his Owners; the first Bill of each Sett is forwarded in this Packet which we request you will give us credit for, Enclos'd comes likewise an Account of Moneys advanc'd the Master for the Wages of the Crew and the Amount of Provisions supplied him conformable to his Contract with the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro' which you will please likewise to give us Credit for.

Herewith you will receive Invoice of Horse forniture [*sic*] ℔ Fox.

We have deliver'd Mr. Zeigenbalg Chief of the Danish Factory the Chest of Treasure marked E.M.F. at the Request of the Danish Missionarys.

On the 19th. June imported here the Honble Companys Ship Hardwick Captain John Samson Commander. She left great Britain the 13th. December and having put in at Trincumala for Intelligence the Dutch Governour gave Captain Samson so unfavourable an Account of the Engagement between the two Squadrons that he thought it most prudent to make the best of his Way to the Bay.

We think it necessary to advice you that by the Honble Companys Commands of the 13th. November 1757 recd. ℘ Ship Hardwick William Watts Charles Manningham, Richard Becher and John Za. Holwell Esqrs. were appointed to preside in the Council of Fort William by Rotation each for the space of four Months, but this Plan of Government being judged inconvenient and prejudicial to the Companys affairs at this Juncture, the board have requested the Honble Robert Clive Esqr. to preside in the Companys Affairs at Bengal till a Person is appointed from Europe in the usual Method.

By that Ship We receiv'd a Packet for your Presidency which we now forward by this Conveyance, she was laden chiefly with Military and naval Stores for the use

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No. 64.

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The Ship Fort William is still remaining here as a Guard ship and I have been long in expectation of receiving advice from your Honrs. concerning her Destination, they have buried a considerable Number of their People during the time they have lain here and the Commander has frequently complained to me of her wanting Repairs which it would be impossible for her to receive at this place. I therefore most humbly take the Liberty of giving my Oppinion to your Honrs. that I think a much smaller Vessell well manned and Armed might answer the purpose full as well upon this Station and might save a considerable Expence to the Honble Company as she might upon many Occasions be made more serviceable in going up the Rivers and in bringing us such Necessaries as we may want from time to time for the use of this Settlement.

I had the honour to address you on the Ilchester Captn. John Tedd under Date the 6th. of January last by the way of Bengal. Duplicates of such papers as were then sent by that Conveyance are herewith inclosed as also a Genl. Return of the Military and Train to this time.

I must humbly beg leave to remind your Honrs. of our present State of Cash which is now reduced very low, the Ballance remaining the 31st. of March last being only 16178–3–11 (Rs. As. Pce.) the greatest part of which is in Spanish Dollars and is Money that has been of no manner of Service to the Settlement, nobody caring to take them at the Exchange they are rated at in the Honble Companys Accounts, which is 254 Arcot Rupees equal to 100 Ounces or 115 Dollars, there is likewise a Quantity of Copper Cash that is intirely useless and is only Lumber in the Settlement. I hope therefore that your Honrs. will please to give such Orders and directions relating thereto as shall appear to your Judgments meet and best.

Our Military Men have received no cloathing for two years past, that they are now obliged to appear in a very ragged Condition excepting those Recruits which were received here in January last, having had Cloathing made for them out of the Honble Companys Coarse Broad Cloth for which I have taken their Receipts and have entered them in the publick Accounts of this Settlement.

The Off Reckonings of the Military and Train are remaining in my hands ever since the Month of October 1756 and there is likewise the Effects of Mr. Edward Waldo who died here the 2d. of February 1757 and whose Effects were sold at Publick Outcry the 25 of April following the whole amounting to
Rs. Fs. C.
538–4–40 as may be perceived in the Occurrances, there is likewise an Elephant here belonging to the Estate of Captn. John Howes deceased mention of which was before Omitted by Mistake. I should therefore be very glad to receive advice from your Honrs. concerning all these Matters as I know not how to proceed with them, having received no answer to any of my Letters or any advice in what manner to act ever since I had the h[onour to] command at this [. . . .]

Mr. Christopher Roffe Storekeeper and Monthly Writer upon this Establishment having made Application to me for Permission to go to Bengal by this Conveyance I have judged it to be improper to comply with his Request until such times as your Honrs. are made acquainted therewith, that there may be some Gentlemen first sent here to supply his Places. I hope therefore your Honrs. will please to send some proper person to take charge of those Effects by the first conveyance. A Master or Overseer of the Works is likewise very much wanted here, the Person who officiates at Present in that Office not having sufficient Experience for managing so troublesome an Employment.

In my last General Letter to your Honrs. under Date the 5th. of January last I then mentioned the misfortune we had met with in losing our Long Boat one European and 13 Black People in endeavouring to assist his Majestys Ship Bridgwater in Distress since which two of those Black People were brought to the Island by the Syrian Sloop from the Coco Islands, where they were met with all well and the Long boat safe a particular Account of which will appear in the Occurrences of the 31st. of January last. As the Long boat and People are not yet arrived here and as we have not since received the least Intelligence concerning them I believe we may now give the mover for Lost unless therefore they should arrive here any time this Month I purpose to strike them off the list of which I judge it necessary yours Honrs. should be acquainted.

Mr. George Norris who came here as a Mate of the Syrian Sloop beforementioned immediately upon his arrival made Application that I would take him into the Honble Companys Service as a Master Carpenter, assuring me that he came here intirely with that View and that he had engaged himself with Mr. Roberts (who we heard was coming over to be chief) for to serve the Honble Company in this Settlement as we were greatly in want of a Capable Person in that Branch I agreed to take him into the Service and have allowed him 40 Rupees ℘ Month Wages, he went immediately to work without Delay and sett up a Stout Long Boat of about 12 Tons burthen which has been forwarded as fast as our Circumstances would admit of, and will be now ready for launching in a very few Days; we have besides several fine Large Boats which have been lying here useless for these two years past for want of some proper Person to repair them. I do therefore purpose for to sett him about that work as soon as the Long Boat is fini[shed and] as my Proceedings in that Affair and all others have been solely to promote the Honble Companys Interest I humbly hope that they will meet with your Honrs. Approbation.

With a General Letter which I received from the Honble Presidency of Bengal under Date the 6th. of October last, I also received a very large Indent for Teak Timbers and Planks for the use of the Fortifications going to be erected at Calcutta, Copies of which will appear in the Publick Accounts of this Settlement in December Last, since which time I have been using my utmost endeavours to procure a sufficient quantity for that purpose, but I have not been able to get any more than 151 Teak Timbers this Last Season out of

a Thousand which had been faithfully promised me by the Burmahs; those indeed are very fine but the Prices are very extravagant to what they have been formerly bought for.

In the Occurrences for January 1757 your Hon^rs. will there perceive the Misfortune we met with in losing one Hundred Teak Timbers which in bringing down the River wear [*sic*] carried out to Sea by Accident thro' the Porean Channel and were intirely lost. The Misfortune was chiefly owing I believe to the carelessness of some of the Lascars who immediately made their Escape at that time two of which perished by famine as we were some time after informed by those which returned back of their own Accord almost famished to Death; as I am Conscious of not being any ways in fault in regard to that unforeseen Accident so I humbly hope that your Hon^rs. will in no wise lay the Charge thereof at my Door as the most probable means had been made use of for the bringing them safely to the Negrais.

On the 31st. January last imported here the Sloop Syrian Charles Price Master from Bengal and Madrass having some provisions Stores on board which were sent from Bengal for the Use of this Settlement, great part of which Stores were much damaged and unfit for Service partly thro' Age, there was besides a considerable deficiency in each Article particular mention of which your Hon^rs. will perceive in last February Accounts.

If your Hon^rs. will please to observe minutely the Occurrences of the aforesaid Month of February last, You will then be best Judges of my Conduct whether I have acted right or not in ordering the Syrians Sloop to be brought back into the Harbour of Negrais after being carried away in the Night time from under the Guns of the Fort into the Offing without the Masters first having giving [*sic*] previous Notice thereof to the Commanding Officer of the Settlement. M^r. Price the Master of the said Sloop being guilty as I have therein mentioned of giving the greatest affront and of shewing the highest disrespect imaginable to the Hon̄ble Companys Fort and Settlement. I thereupon gave orders to the Pilot for to bring the Vessel back again into the Harbour intending no more by it than to give him a Check and to make him sencible that he had acted very wrong in taking such imprudent Steps. The Sloop was accordingly brought back into the Harbour and safely moored under the Guns of the Fort. The Syrang Tindal and Lascars left the Sloop (as I was afterwards informed) the same Evening and the next morning they came to the Fort and declared that they belonged to the Hunter Schooner and had Received Impress Money at Bengall for to remain with her at the Negrais, that M^r. Nicholson who had then Charge of the Hunter Schooner bound to this Island had put them on board the Syrian Sloop for to come here by the way of Madrass at the same time assuring them on their arrival at the Negrais, they were to proceed no farther in the said Sloop but were to be returned on board the Hon̄ble Companys Schooner Hunter to which they of right belonged. The said Syrang Tindal and 5 Lascars have therefore remained ever since upon the Island in expectation of the Hunter Schooner (which we have great reason to believe would soon arrive here as ℘ advice from the Hon̄ble the Presidency of Bengal under Date the 6th. of October 1757 as will appear to your Hon^rs. in the Publick Accounts of this Settlement) the Master of the said Sloop has never yet from that time made any application to me for those People which behaviour of his I take to be a tacit acknowledgment of their belonging to the Hon̄ble Company, however least I might have erred by being too sanguine in this Affairs they have never yet been entered into the Hon̄ble Companys Books or received any Pay since the time they have landed here. The Sloop is now lying at an Anchor in the place were [*sic*] she was moored after being brought back into the Harbour by my Order; but the Master has had constant Possession of her ever since and has been on board of her several times and taken goods out of her from time to time, of which I have sufficient Evidence.

I am very sorry that I am obliged to take up so much of your Honrs. time with this Trifling but troublesome Affair, as I have some reason to believe the Master of the said Sloop is endeavouring to lay the whole Charge of the said Vessel at my Door. I hope therefore your Honrs. will on weighing the whole Affair both justify and protect me in my Proceedings herein as my sole motive for acting as above has been to vindicate the Honour of this Settlement and not to suffer the Honble Companys Property to be invaded or the Fort to be treated in a Conte[mptuous] manner.

I have herewith enclosed a Copy of the Protest which Mr. Charles Price has drawn up against me of which I have never been acquainted till within these two days past as also a Copy or [*sic*] Mr. Norris Certificate underneath, which proves the falsity of Mr. Prices Assertion, there is likewise a Copy of Mr. Norris Letter to me requesting to be entertained as a Carpenter in the Honble Companys Service to remain on this Settlement.

As I find myself unequal to the Task of bearing alone the whole Burthen of the Honble Companys Affairs in this Settlement I do therefore with all humility request that your Honrs. would be pleased to appoint some other Person to take the Charge thereof and as I find my health and Eyesight considerable impaired by the badness of the Climate having now been upwards of two Years upon the Island, I must therefore likewise intreat your Honrs. Permission for Liberty to return to Fort St. George by the first proper Conveyance and I am with the most profound respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
THOS. NEWTON.

NEGRAIS
MAY 7, 1758.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

No.	Item	Date
1	General Letter to Fort St. George	May 7th. 1758.
2	Copy Genl. Letter to Fort St. George	Jany. 5 1758.
3	Copy List of Sundries received from the Ilchester Worcester & Fox.	Jany. 5 1758.
4	Copy List of Men put on board the Ilchester Worcester and Fox in the room of others received from thence.	Jany. 4. 1758.
5	Copys General Return.	Jany. 5. 1758.
6	General Return.	May 6. 1758.
7	Copy Letters from Mr. George Norris.	Feby. 5. 1758.
8	Copy Captn. Chas. Prices Protest with a Copy of Mr. George Norris Certificate annexed.	May 6. 1758.
9	List of the Packet.	

No. 65.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

By the Marlborough Sloop which sail'd from hence the 27 May We addressed you a Duplicate of our said Letter went a Number in the Packet which comes by the Hartop Snow who imported the 12th. Ulto. and brought us your Commands of the 26 April 1757. The Captain is urgent for a Quick dispatch and as he will be shortly out, We must content ourselves with giving you an account of our Management since the departure of the Oxford referring your honnours &c. to our advices to our Honble Master (copy of which is Inclosed) for transactions till then. The Accounts &ca. for the aforementioned reason do not go, and from the Oxfords departure We therefore go on with the Occurrences under the proper heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
The Oxford sail'd to Manna the 4 March and and [*sic*] to her final Departure for Europe from that place, the Packets went from hence for her Dispatch the 27 February.		No. 34	Mar. 17
A Taloor was drove to Croee from Indrapore; The Jurreetoolis reports that a Dutch Ship left that Place a few days before them bound for Batavia with Khatil Lyn on board, it is suppos'd he is gone to sollicit assistance to create farther Troubles at Nattall.		No. 23	Do. 2
The Swift Schooner who was carrying Stores &ca. for the said Settlement put into Moco Moco in want of necessaries, which when supplyed, proceeded on her Voyage and we are since inform'd is safe arrived. As the Opium &ca. purchased from the Deputy Governour was designd for Nattall and a Sloop going		No. 27	Do 20
thither three hundred Dollars were agreed on for the Freight of it and some stores. An Express Boat from the Resident of Nattall informed us that the Good Hope Snow Captain Douglas from Madrass, had put in at Tappanooly from whence Mr. Hall had wrote him of the taking of Calcutta, that Mallacca was		No. 34	Do. 17
blockaded by the Mallays and the Dutch there were in great distress for Provisions.		No. 37	Do. 20
The Salingore Sloop imported and brought an advice from Batavia that the War was declared, against the French by the King of Great Brittain and that two French Men of War were then crusing [*sic*] in the Streights of Sunda. As a Vessel of the Salingores burden was much wanted the Deputy Govr. was desired to purchase her on the Cheapest Terms and accord-			29 April
ingly bought her for $ 3,750, as on examination she was reported in good Condition and had on board her four or five Coyanse of Salt which were included in the above sum and she was new named Marlbro', the former Owner and Master James Sutherland. We would have prevaild on to continue in her. He would on no Condition consent but recommended his Mate Mr. Alexr. Sherrard as a fit and capable Man for that Employ. We therefore agreed to his Terms which though high are no more than is given to people in that station in other parts of India. The Crew was also taken into Pay at the same time. It was found			7 May
necessary to send her over to your Honour &ca. Copy of the Letter by her is a Number in this Pacqett.			16 May

The Noquidah & Jurreetooliss of the Praw belonging to the Deputy Governour seized by the Dutch at Teckoos in 1756 being returned from Batavia deliver into him as Owner, and so act, and just Account of their Proceedings from their Outset from hence and Treatment, they met with till they were releas'd. Mr. Pybus has taken a Copy attested of this Declaration and we must refer to him for farther Proceedings on this head, as he has already made application and we

Letters sent. | Letters received. | Consultations.

Doubt not will persue it. Our Syrang was sent by the Marlborough Sloop to procure Lascars for the Service of this place of which we have before inform'd you and We shall therefore only repeat here our request that he meet with what Assistance he may stand in need of and be sent back by the first convenient opportunity.

23 May

The 16th. May the Pheenix Schooner with a Packet from our Honble Masters by the way of Bussorah from Bengal importing the agreable news of its being re-taken arrived here. The Master gave in a Letter to the Board requesting supply of Sundries as entered after the Consultation which was accordingly complyed with, as near as our stock would permit and he sailed the 5th. following.

5 June

19 July

It being thought by the Board that Mr. Wyatt's presence at Nattall is absolutely necessary and several stores being greatly [*sic*] the Resolution Sloop is hired for that purpose, as the Honble Company have none of their own to send thither for $ 600—the Trip which were the Cheapest terms we could get.

The 16 July put in here in want of Water a Dutch Ship from Surat for Batavia and the 19 a Panchallong from Batavia; the Captain of the Ship requested We would advance him $ 200— & take Bills on the General &ca. which we accordly [*sic*] did and transmitted the first by the said ship, to Mr. Peter Garden which is since sailed having made one unsuccessful Trial.

29 July

6 Augt.

The 29th. of the same Month arrived the Grampus Tender in a very leaky Condition, Captn. Jackson immediately requested a Vessel to send to the Admiral and your Honour &ca. to acquaint you of his situation and We accordly [*sic*] agreed with the Owners of the Tryal Sloop as Captain Jackson approved of her for that service on the Terms which we acquainted you with, by her who sailed the 9th. and Copy of our Letter by that Vessel is now sent the 1st. August a Dutch Sloop anchored in our Road, bound for Batavia, and sailed the 2d. and the 8th. returned the Dutch ship, mentioned above and the 9th. the Resolution with Mr. Wyatt on board saill'd for Nattall.

13 Apl.

The 13 arrived the Geray Ketch Captain Blair from Batavia, bound for Fort St. George having been drove hither by the Currents in a leaky Condition.

The two Sloops of 50 Tons each purposed purposed [*sic*] to be built for this Coast service by your honour &ca. if not already sent, We beg may be countermanded and that in their Room one of 5 Tons may come, which together with the Marlborough when returned which we hope will be soon willfully answer their design'd purposes and this we rather propose as the sailing Expence of these Vessels will be trifling more than those of 50 each and the advantage of bringing up near two of the other Cargoes at one Trip and also

Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.

better able to be at up against a Monsoon should it be necessary, as it is sometimes found to be for them to do so and even should it be proper at times to send advices to you, the having such Vessells must appear much more eligible as the trusting to those of so small Burthen makes such Passage very precarious and the Consequences of a Disappointment may probably be of fatal Effect, the reasons We hope will prevail on you to alter the Design and to comply with our desire for larger Vessels; though should it not we think it our Duty to represent the above as most for our Masters Advantage.

The training up Coffrees as Artificers we should be very ready to do had we proper Masters to learn them and others to do the Current Business, the former is never likely to be procured here as it is very seldom any come among our Military fit for those Employs and at present those who do the Cooley Work, are only Women and Boys. We shall take care to follow your directions in encouraging those as well as Seamen should any offer.

Our sending the ship Exeter to Nattall was in consequence of an order made by our Honble Masters in th[e]ir Letter ⅌ [*Lacuna*] We must beg leave to refer you to the Letter wrote them on the Exeters return to Europe for more particular on this head, and shall only say farther that it was not merely in Order to look Formadable that she was sent but the Settlement and the lives of all in it were in great and iminent danger.

SECONDLY GOODS &CA.

On the Resident of Nattalls representing the great want of Merchandize and murmers of the People on that head, and there being only about thirteen Chests of Opium left and little likelyhood of any from the Coast it was agreed to purchase the Thirty Six Chests imported by the Oxford Storeship at $ 260 ⅌ Chest and as a Sloop was going to Nattall it was sent on her together with some Iron and Treasure for which they were to be paid $ 300. — Letters received: No. 32; Consultations: 2D. MARCH; Letters sent: No. 21

Mr. Hunter at Croe advises the Board that a Chest of Benjamin was drove on shore there which he had seized as the Companys property requesting our Orders concerning it. We directed him to sell and bring its amount on the Books. — Letters received: No. 44; Consultations: 9TH. APRIL

The Licences for the ensuing year were disposed of as Usual at Outcry; and two Chests of Opium were delivered the Resident Mr. Robert Hay who purchased the Farm of that place to be sold at $ 400 ⅌ Chest and Orders were likewise sent to the Resident of Nattall not to sell under that price as it is very unlikely the Company or private Traders will be able to procure and bring any to this Coast since the troubles at Bengall. — Letters sent: No. 33; Consultations: 20 Do., 29 Do.

Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
		7 May

As we immagined Arrack and Sugar would be wanted at the Coast We took the opportunity to Load on the Marlborough Sloop, 4,308 Gallons of the former and 150 Peculs 125 lb. of the Latter.

Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
No. 36 37		14 May

As our necessity for Rice, Salt and Gunpowder was very urgent We agreed to write to Mr. Gardin by the Tryal Sloop bound for that place to procure and send us such Quantities of each sort as is entered in our Consultation together with the Terms, and if the Captain of the Storeship was there desired him to act jointly with Mr. Gardin in that Business.

Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
		25 July
		6th Augt.

The Surat Dutch Ships which imported here having brought peice goods the necessitous Condition the natives were in for want of such prevailed on the Board to permit the landing them on the Company receiving their Duties (Captn. Jackson also haveing a few requests the same Indulgence which is granted him) tho' the Prohibition is to be continued as before on the ships departure, and as the place has been so long without Cloth of any Kind for near a Twelve month We hope this step will not be thought too precipitate or an Infringement of the Regulations lately made.

The Supplys brought by this Vessel We need scarcely say were acceptable the long time we have been in want of almost every Article will evince how necessary they are, Salt as your Committee observe is a grand Article on this Coast and as what is now come is too small a quantity for Consumption fully to supply the Natives wants We request that we may annually receive Thirty five Garce or fifty Coyans at least and as our expectations of getting Rice from Batavia are over what Salt we now have will be kept to exchange for Rice only, and as we may be disapointed in our hopes even to get it so by bad Crops and other accidents desire further to have the same Quantity of Rice as salt sent. We are thankful for those necessary articles the Fanams and Madeira Wine, and desire the Quantity further requested in the Indent may be sent as opportunities offers. We shall be careful to follow the Committees Directions in regard to the Long Cloth white Forty peices whereof were Damaged, which was return'd to Captain Savage, who paid for the same. We must repeat our Desire that the Indent for Military Stores by this Vessel in July 1756 may be fully complyed with, as well as the additional one now sent. The Committee direct us to apply to Europe for those Articles. We are positively and repeatedly told we must not expect any from thence but from the Coast; as therefore our only dependance is from your Honour &ca. We beg this Motive may have its due Weight or the Consequences may be very fatal, for at present what with the want of Men, and the Articles in general requested, we in great danger even from the Country People set aside a foreign force, We are Directed to receive and curtail the aforesaid Indent. We assure

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your Honour &ca. that we then thought what was wrote for absolutely necessary. You will please to consider how much our wants are augmented on this Head of Powder particularly. We cannot close the subject till We have once more recommended to your mature Deliberation our furlorn situation which we hope will induce you to be expeditious in succouring us.

We shall direct our Pepper Godown Keeper to preserve the Garblings of the Pepper from Croee & Cawoor and send as Opportunity offers. The reason of its being received by Measure at those two places was because on first purchasing it from those places Mallays instead of Europeans were employed who could not understand our Weights, and as this Method is more advantagious to our Hoñble Masters that the other the [*sic*] practice is still continued. Our request for the Slaves wrote for, We beg may be comply'd with as soon as possible. The last advices on this Head are so full that we shall only repeat that there is not near sufficient for the Current Business of the Place, the shipping particularly will be greatly retarded for the above reason.

Thirdly Investments & Fourthly Country Government.

Mr. Hunter at Croe on paying the Pepper Customs apply'd to the Pangarrans and Proateens of Poogoong for the Reason of a Decrease in that District; they give him to understand it was not owing to negligence or misconduct but to a Difference in the Seasons Crop which they say is common every two or three years, the Juretooliss and People who went that survey agree that the Gardens are clean and in good order. He also advises that a Number of Families from the Hills had apply'd to Pangaran Saoee Negano for assistance in clearing some debts which amounted to about seventy Dollars amongst them to their Head People promising to come down and plant Pepper at Poogoong, if their desire was comply'd with, He request our Orders if he shall advance that Sum and it is agreed that the new Resident when he goes down do advance it them, as such an Increase of People will be advantagious to the Investment.

The Jurreetoolis of Cattown having finished the survey of that place and Salbat the Resident reports the Gardens in those parts are in good condition, the resident of Cawoor likewise delivers in a report of the state of the Gardens in his districts by which we have the pleasure to perceive that many improvements are made since the last survey, a Copy of his letter is intered in our Consultation and as a Godown at Kenal by the representation in his Letter is judged necessary, We have agreed that one be erected as soon as possible. No. 28

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
The Pepper of Siggin and Bencoonat amounting this year to above one Hundred Bahars the Proateins and People desire they may be paid $ [*Lacuna*] ⅌ Bahar the price agreed to be given them when it amounted to that quantity yearly, but as the Board are of Oppinion the greatest part of two Seasons Crops was kept up and brought in this year in order to enhance the Price We intended to instruct the Resident to reckon what is received from Primo May to Ult°. April as the produce of one Season and also to keep an Account of what is brought by each Planter for two succeeding years, that we may the better detect Impositions and form a judgment of the real annual Produce.		35 & 36th	17th Mar.
The Resident of Laye advises us that the Plantations under his Management are in general in a flourishing condition that the People up Polly River are now grow [*sic*] more refractory than ever, and desires our Orders in Respect to his Management of them It was therefore resolved to send a strong party of Bugguesses with Orders to him, when he goes to survey those places to Destroy their Doosoons and oblige them to remove nearer down.		No. 40.	29 Mar.
The Resident of Cawoor represents sundry Buildings and repairs as necessary at his Residency and acquaints us that the Timbers and Materials on hand there are in a very decayed Condition. He is permitted to build a New House at Sambat as it is a peice of necessary Work.		41 & 42 9th Apl.	
There being a Considerable Decrease of Wines in the Districts of Manna the Resident is directed to assign the Cause from whence it arrives that many People have quitted their abode in those parts, recommend to him to be attentive to their Motions and make particular Enquiry into the real Occasions of it, that we cannot Imagine its owing to the Motives he gives and as Pangaran Bangsa Raja had behaved extremly ill Direct that he send for and assure him if his Behaviour still continues the same. We must be oblig'd to act in a Manner towards him very disagreable to us.	No. 28		
From Mr. Hunter at Croee we are advised that the Gardens at Siggin and Assatt were on Servey [*sic*] found in a thriving condition and there is in general an Increase since the last taken. Dupatty Bandar Company and Chyar Guddy are particular [*sic*] recommended as very Industrious, that he imputes the quick decay of many Gardens to the Planting bad sortments of Chinkareens for the support of the Vines & endeavoured to remedy that defect, That a Most Barbourous Murther was committed in those parts as set forth in his Letter as ⅌ Margin, the Perpetrator whereof could not be clearly proved, but that he had a Man in Irons who from strong circumstances was suspected that he had likewise confined a Man for Gaming and theiving at the request of the Proateens.		No. 50	20 Apl.

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
The Resident of Nattall advices that the Atcheen People had seized on the Qualloe of Sinkell and was suspicious of their being farther troublesome. He was however of opinion that the trading Part of them would willingly renew their Trade if Encouragement was given them which induced him to send Mr. Stevenson his Surgeon to offer them Liberty and Countenance provided they conformed to the Rules of Trade This he thought necessary lest the Dutch by our pressing too much this Nation on their late bad Behaviour should draw them irrecoverable from our Interest, That if that was effected & our Trade properly supply'd it would greatly detriment the Dutch at Pandang.		No. 51	
In May we sent Instructions to the Resident of Moco Moco to proceed on the Survey. He advises us that the People are greatly discontented at not recovering Cloth in Exchange for the Pepper, We therefore, wrote to the Sultan to retard its being brought to the scale for a Month or two hoping in the Interim we may receive a supply from the Coast.	No. 43		16 May
Pangara Munko Loora at Manna having been extreamly serviceable in promoting the investment we thought him deserving some Mark of Companys Favour and accordly [*sic*] directed the Resident to present him in their Name with $ 100 One hundred Spanish Dollars.			
The Resident of Cawoor had appointed he acquaints us three new Calippas (as there was that number wanted) and made each a Present as usual in the Companys Name, that he had seized a Man named See Callong who was suspected to have Murthered one of the Bugguesses of that place sometime ago on the Road to Marlborough with advices, that the Natives at Kenal		No. 68 & 69	7 June
had erected a Temporary Godown till he could procure Materials for Building one. We directed him not to undertake any thing of this Nature without our particular Orders and to give the People no Encouragement to expect, We shall receive Pepper there as We see no necessity for it. We also direct him to send up the Murderer if he is fully convicted.	No. 45		
The President of Tallo reports that the Natives are very desirous of having their Pepper received and that his going the Survey in the absence of his Assistant now at Manna would much disgust them till it was got in. We accordingly Directed him to hasten down the Pepper and to acquaint us why he has not done it sooner and as it appears to proceed from want of Attention that he clear up his Conduct in this Affair.	No. 54	No. 77	9th. June
Mr. Henter [*sic*] from Croe sent us up a Tombongon loaded with Pepper on which came the Murtherer he wrote about formerly who we propose Transporting to St. Helena.	79, 80		24 Do.
The Resident of Cawoor informed us, that four Families of the People at Padang Gooche had removed		No. 81	

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
to a Place near Kenal under his Management, but as he does not say to what place they are come (the name being Blank) We directed that they may remain but in future that he give no Encouragement to any of that People to remove to any other Places without Orders, as it may probably occasion more Godowns necessary in time, the Consequence of which will be an additional Expence.			
As the Season is convenient for taking the Survey Messrs. Williams and Guild were appointed to that Business and Instructions for that purpose are delivered them.			27 JUNE
Mr. Hunter at Croe sent up two Vessels with Pepper agreable to our Permission and on them came Serjeant Blaton and three Military and as John Davis one of them was concerned in the Military at Croee he was confined in Irons Immediately.		85, 86	
The Resident of Cawoor in Answer to our Letter of the 8 June alledges in his Vindication that he had the late Deputy Governours Orders for erecting a Godown at Kenal that in Consequence of a Promise made by Mr. Watson to the People of that Place that a Godown should be built to receive the Pepper there, they had planted Fifty or Sixty Thousand Chinkareens most of which had now Vines, That he cannot give an exact account of the produce of Kenal last Season his Predecessor having left no Books to give him an Insight thereto. That he was inform'd it was about Thirty Bahars and that by appearances he hoped for an Increase. We directed on the above Subject, that in future he make the Publick Orders he should receive in General the Guide of his Conduct particular to remark the Quantity of each District from Primo May to Ultimo April in Order to assertain the real yearly produce.		28	6 JULY
On the appearance of a Decrease at Tallo Residency a Statement was made from October 1754 to January 1757 as by Consultation in the Margin to which We beg leave to refer you and for our Remarks at large thereon and the Resident is in future to collect the Pepper all in one Season computing for such as order'd to the other settlements and this Order is to be general to all the Residents hereafter as also that the particular Produce of each Village be kept.			
The Deputy Governour delivered to the Board a Letter of Instructions on his quitting Nattall which he left with Mr. Watson for his Guidance till a Resident could be sent from hence.			11TH JULY
The Resident of Laye on his return from the Survey of Syrangey and Bentoonan reports the Gardens in those parts to be very clean and in good Order at the former there is a small Increase but at the Latter none. The young Vines are all flourishing but the old ones he says have but a bad aspect in general, but however is in		No, 97	19 Do.

Letters sent. | Letters received. | Consultations.

hopes of a Large Increase of Pepper in those parts this season. He requested our Orders how to act in relation to the People up Pelly River who have always refused removing nearer the Sea Shore. Hitherto those People having paid little regard to our Determination on this Head and indeed to their Promises which have been frequently repeated of Complying. It was therefore resolved to send a sufficient party of Bugguesses to oblige them Implicitly to come down, and accordly [*sic*] an Ensign and Fifty Bugguesses were sent and we have the satisfaction to find that after some Opposition, they having attacked our People on their Arrival and several Doosoons in Consequence of this Insolent Behaviour being Distroyed, they are returned to a sense of their Duty and promised faithfully to Settle wherever we shall think Proper. The Place is referred to the Resident of Laye being the most proper judge to whom we have added the advice of the Ensign who is very Intelligent and proper to be advised with in cases of this Kind; the Effects of this Proceeding will We hope be good, as the Country People in general used to be uneasy at our suffering them to live free from the care of Planting Pepper being now proffitable Employ'd in Planting Gambiers. No one Doosoon besides those who were only refractory was concerned with them.

The Resident of Moco Moco being about setting out on the Survey of that Place, advices us, that had deliver'd over the Remains to Messrs. Cole & Nairne and intended to proceed in a few days. — Letters received: No. 98

Messrs. Williams and Guild returning from the survey of Malboroughs Districts report the Gardens in general in good Order but several Heads of Doosoons being faulty were sent hither Prisoners and Confined till Intercession having been made by the Pangarans and Proateens (who are bound that in three Months their Gardens shall be cleared) and their future behaviour being likewise warranted they were released. — Letters received: 104, 105

The Resident of Cawoor answer our Letters about building a Godown at Kenal without orders, but far from satisfactorily; sends up a new Estimate of Repairs wanted and purpose setting out immediately on the Survey. — Letters received: 106

The Repairs he mentions being though [*sic*] requisite he has permission to set about them; yet as he has always been used to write to us on that subject in general Terms We direct him to be more particular hereafter. — Letters sent: No. 92

Mr. Hunter at Croe advised us that the Planters refuse bringing in the Pepper without the Price was advanced. That he shall use his Endeavours to induce them to a compliance according to their contract, represents the Chinkareens and Bencoonet as of a bad sortments and has endeavoured to inforce planting of a better kind, desires to come to Marlborough for the benefit of his Health, sends up a Loading of Pepper by — Letters received: 109, 110; Consultations: 12TH.

Lettets sent. | Letters received. | Consultations.

a Tombongong. As Mr. Hunters conduct is highly praseworthy [*sic*] We could not but approve of what was done which we wrote him. In reply to his request to come hither as it would be very hard to keep him there in such a situation as he mentions. We agreed to his desire but at the same time if he could without detrimenting that as well as his private affairs continue there till a Resident was sent from hence which should be immediately on the Storeship arrival, which was dayly expected, as there might probably be orders from Europe which would alter any appointment we could now make We therefore must wait that event. However if he was necessitated to to [*sic*] come, He must deliver over the Remains and Charge of the Residency to Ensign Hubbard.

We have received several Boats Loads of Rice from 111,
Moco Moco and the Gentlemen in charge of that place 112,
during his Residents absence, advice us they have a 113
Large quantity still on hand.

The Resident of Manna informs us that the Europe Carpenter on examining the House says the Verandas must be intirely taken down, and that the roof wants repairs, sends up Salt & Pepper, also a statement of the two last seasons Crops of Pepper and thinks the Europe Carpenter may be intrusted with the care of that place during his going the Servey [*sic*] His Request as judged reasonable were agreed to.

The Resident of Laye having surveyed the Dis- 121,
tricts of his Residency, reports that the Gardens of 122
Laye and the parts of Polly visited were clean and Thriving but is fearful of there being no Increase of Pepper this Season from appearances.

A Vessel being bound for Nattall We advised the No. 90 18TH.
Resident of what your Honour &ca. say in regard to the withdrawing that Settlement and recommend to his prudence, the curtailing any Expences He may find can be done, with safety to the place. You will observe that such a Method as your Committee recommend for Annually ascertaining the produce of Pepper on this Coast was resolved on before the Snow arrived and all the Residents directed to follow our Orders on that head. The remark on the Increase of Inhabitants so disproportionable to the Increase of Wines causes the Assign, As its evident the People of Manna are guilty of the same Vices, with those Inland of Marlbro and other Parts for Gaming, Cock fighting & Smoaking Opium are the favourite diversitions of the whole Country. In Manna particularly they are so addicted to it that their Children are too frequently sold and made slaves off in Consequence thereof. To the Northward of Saloomah very few comparitively speaking are disposed of in that Manner, the most likely reasons appearing to us are a Deception put on the Gentlemen who go the Surveys, by the People giving in Accounts of Plantations as their property which belongs to

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others. Numbers having Gardins foul at the time of the Survey which they do not shew & by the next have clear & intolerable Orders. The pitching upon improper spots for Gardins, not putting fresh Vines in the room of them which decay sometimes of first Planting and not keeping to the proper proportions betwixt each Chinkareen are faults which we hope with proper Attention (which shall not be wanting) will be remedied in time; And we shall make it our Study by all Methods which occur to us, as Times and exegences offers to Cultivate a Spirit of Industry in every one of the Inhabitants in all parts. The people from Sellebar to the Southward We must however particularize for being more expert in this Branch, and also that there is a most surprizing Difference in the produce of equal Quantitys of Vines there 300 or 400 bear as much as 1000 and more do from thence to Manjooto.

We have the pleasure to observe to you that the Arrack and Sugar works continue in a thriving way and the Undertakers go on decreasing their Debt to the Company.

As the final determination of Nattall Residency is referred to the Orders we expect from our Honble Masters by our Storeship We shall have nothing now to say in Answer to the Committee's Remarks.

FIFLY [*sic*] FORTIFICATIONS &CA.

Mr. Watson at Cawoor having represented in a Letter of the 2d. March that a Godown at Kenal would be greatly serviceable to the Investment it was agreed unanimously that the Resident be ordered to set about Erecting one on his Arrival at his Residency. **2 MARCH**

The new Bamboo Godown at Manna the Resident represents he is apprehensive will Tumble down, and as he says he can form no judgment of that under the House till the Pepper is removed out of it We sent him our Orders to build Temporary ones at Paino & Manna; Mr. Hunter also writes word that the Lodgings at Croe are so excessive bad that he is fearful of their falling, and had therefore propt them up for the Present for the reason We give in Consultation of the 2d. March in consequence of the Intelligence the Deputy Governour received from Mr. Dutton nothing has been ordered about the old Lodgings nor will be till a new Resident goes down. **No. 34** **17 Do.** **No 35**

A List of Military Stores, Ammunition &ca. in Garrison being presented to the Board which on a Perusal fully shews our Distressed Condition, the same was order'd to be sent to your honour &ca. in order to demand supplies, our Consultation of the 7 May together with our Letter ℘ Marlbro and Tryal Sloops, were so full that we shall only add our desire to be fully assisted in this article. **7 MAY**

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
Mr. Harris at Manna acquainted us that one End of the Pepper Godown under Manna House burst out, one of the Main Timbers being rotten thro. and that all the under parts were nearly in that Condition. That a great deal of Pepper by this Accident was damaged which he intended to get clean and also support the Godown in the best Manner he could, the Board therefore on this Intelligence gave directions for a Bamboo Godown to be built immediatly to receive and keep the Pepper in, and Mr. Wyatt having represented the Godown at Bankannan quite decayed a new one was ordered to be built immediately to receive the present seasons Crop.		No. 71	7 June
The Superintendent of the Buildings reports to the Board that the Sugar Godown was tumbling down, the Supporters being rotten that by its being taken down many Materials may be saved, and as the Cook-room at Salop House is also so bad, as to require re-building the Tyles Board &ca. from the former will do for the latter which with Cooley hire will be all the Expences, He is order[ed] to see the Work performed.			6th Augt.

Sixthly Covenanted Servants &ca.

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
Ensign Hubbard with 9 Military which was sent from hence to Croe Residency We are advised were arrived their [*sic*] in safety. The Resident of Cawoor requesting an Augmentation of a Buggess Serjeant and 4 Centinels, his desire is complyd with as it is found necessary to have that additional Number.	No. 22		2d. Mar.
From Manna we have advice of the Death of Mr. Samuel Dutton, who was proceeding to Europe on the Oxford. The Deputy Governor communicates some representations which Mr. Dutton had made him before his departure for Europe of the advantages which would accrue to the Honble Company in removing the Settlement, now at Croe, this matter was ordered to be recommended to the examination of the new Resident when he proceeded thither, for the particulars our Consultation of the 17 March will fully inform you.	No. 33		17 Do.
Mr. William Gray who quitted the Oxford Storeship We entertained as Surgeons Assistance and the Extra Allowance of $ 20 ⅌ Mensem allowed the Surgeon is discontinued.			
Mr. Wyatts ill state of health requiring his coming to Marlbro for a short while and his Assistance Mr. Ogier just come up very bad likewise Mr. Harries Assistance at Saloomah is order'd to go and reside at Manna during his absence, As in case We should have had any troubles We should have much wanted Officers the Deputy Governour detained Ensign Gillson, who was ordered to Nattall by the Resolution Sloop.		No. 29	29th. Septr. 7th. May

Letters sent. — Letters received. — Consultations.

The Deputy Governor acquaints the Board he had entertained Alex[r]. Sherrard as Master of the Sloop Malbro on the Terms as mentioned at length in Consultation of the 10th. May. — 10TH MAY

In consequence of our Hon̄ble Masters Orders ℘ Oxford for the Deputys Governours return to Madrass ℘ very first Opportunity and the Malbro Sloop being bound thither it was mentioned for his departure in which he acquiesces as it is the Unanimous Oppinion of the Board, he ought to do, As M[r]. Harriott being next in Standing it was agreed that he be recalled from Nattall to succeed to the Chair. M[r]. Wyatt was appointed Resident at Nattall and M[r]. Darvall to Manna That M[r]. Robert Hay be detained from going to Croe. As he will succeed to Consil [*sic*] that in the Interim the Settlement be managed by M[r]. Milne who proceeds thither jointly with M[r]. Hunter. M[r]. Hew Stewart is appointed Accomptant in the room of M[r]. Darvall and M[r]. Norris being arrived from Moco Moco took his Seat as youngest in Counsil. The Deputy Governour delivered into the Board at that time, the Instructions given to M[r]. Walsh and himself from the Precidency as Supervisor of the West Coast. He requested an attested Copy of our Consultation of the 14 May which was delivered him. The 15th. following died M[r]. Ogier, the 17 M[r]. Milne set out for Croe, the 23 John Pybus Esq[r]. summoned wherein he presided as Supravisor grants an Ensign's Commission to John Jacob Shoals, gives his reason thereupon and delivered into the Board a Note he had receaved [*sic*] touching that Step from the Members of Counsil which he entered as he purposed meeting no more at Counsil took leave of the Board, and Embarked with M[r]. William Grey Surgeon whom he took to attend his Family during his Passage, Jos. Gunn as provisional Chief took the Chair and the following appointments were made. — (Letters received: N[o]. 39; Consultations: 14 D[o].) — (Letters sent: 38) — (Consultations: 16 D[o].) — (Consultations: 29 D[o]., 30 D[o].)

M[r]. William Norris Storekeeper.

Robert Hay Warekeeper.

John Guild Assis[t]. to the Storekeepeer.

The 7 June M[r]. Robert Hay was called to fill the vacancy at the Board and tooke the Oaths as usual.

M[r]. Wyatt representing that his indifferent state of Health, at that time would not permit him to return to Manna to deliver over the remains of that Settlement, it is Agreed that M[r]. Harries deliver them to M[r]. Darval. The Secretary representing to the Board the Business in his Office as too much for present number of Assistants, Agreed to be allowed a Monthly Writer as \$ 10 ℘ Mensem.

M[r]. Darval in consequence of his Appointment to Manna Residency, set out for that place and the Europe Carpenter was sent with him in order to survey the House and Godown there. — 24TH.

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
From Croe we hear Mr. Milne who went as Assistant there, a short time ago died within 4 Days after his arrival and the 27 Ultimo a Praw arrived here with the Corps of Mr. Henry Gregory on board.		No. 79	
Mr. Preston in a Address to the Board says that he received his Salary without Consideration as Fifth in Council setting forth that he thinks himself intitled tho' under suspension to that of Fourth on Mr. Pybus departure, but the Board being of Oppinion He cannot commence such or any ways rise till such time as they hear from our Superiours. He is not paid any otherwise and refuses receiving any further Pay.			6 July
The 9th. August Mr. Richard Wyatt embarked on the Resolution Sloop for Nattall.			
Captn. Joseph Kendal having behaved in a very uncommon and disrespectful Manner It was though [sic] proper to dismiss him the Service, besides what is alledged in the Consultation of the 12 Ultimo. His carriage to the Provisional Chief before the Deputys Governors arrival was not only ungenteel but downright Insolent, very freeling [sic] telling him He looked on as a Boy. That he himself was Commander in Chief, that making a Report and bringing the Process of the Court Martials even to the Deputy Governour was meer Compliment at matter of Form with more of that kind, such his Intentions were not kept secret by him, having openly declared and even before Mr. Pybus, that after the Marlbro sailed, He should pay little regard to any one. On the present Deputy Governour desiring to know why he used always to waite on the former with the daily report His Ansr. was, as he used to Breakfast there He did it to save the Officer on Guard the Trouble of going thither. The inconsistency of this speech will shew the Cause from whence his Unaccountable Behaviour arrises and also proves how far from justificable his Conduct has been when he had none but such evasive Arguments to plead in Excuse. Our Military Officers in General has from his Exampel of Late been very uppish and Disrespectful, and had we overlook'd this in one of their Chiefs We know not how the cosequences [sic] would have been and therefore thought it indispensible to proceed to Dismission at once more especially as We were informed he had declared Suspension was the worst we could inflict and as he purposed, going home by the Storeship was very indifferent as his pay would be still going on.			12 Augt.
Captn. Lieut. Pero being extreamly ill addressed the Board for Liberty to go to the Coast it was accordingly granted but he did not live to enjoy it demising the 3d. Instant.			13 Augt.
In order to give a full Accot. of the Sugar and Arrack undertaking Messrs. Gunn and Hay were Ordered to Survey them and deliver in the Report which is enter'd after Consultation.			

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.

Mr. Hallet Saunders came in the Hartop Snow has signed his Covenants, taken the Oath &ca. and on his requesting Arrears due to him was paid agreable to the Tenor of them viz., from the Oxfords arrival.

By the Dismission of Captn. Kendal the first Company became Vacant and as your Honour &ca. had confirmed Captn. Freetlis Breviate a Commission is drawn out for him as first Captain, and he is ordered up from Nattall to succeed thereto. No. 90

Tho we had a pretty large supply of Servants this last season Yet by the Death of some and others being stationed at the Several Settlements when they were absolutely in need of them We have it not in our power to forward the whole Business of this Settlement particulaly from the Accomptants Office. However the material Papers to shew a General View of our proceedings We have sent.

Arabs We look on as an Essential Guard and much more necessary than ever Bugguesses can be made provided they are Sober, Hearty and young Men, if your Honour &ca. can supply us with 50 such Men, it will be doing the Honble Company good Service.

SEVENT[H]LY ACCOUNTS &CA.

The Resident of Manna acquainted the Board, that in shipping off the Pepper to the Oxford 10 ℔. 2 Qr. was lost which as it happened Unavoidably it was agreed, He bring it to account to Profit & Loss. No. 29, 30, 31 — 2D. MAR.

The Deficiency & Surpluses during the time Mr. Preston was Storekeeper, and Military Storekeeper being presented. The Deputy Governor looking on himself as a party concerned against Mr. Preston referred the Desision to Messrs. Gunn and Darvall who agreed as the Debts and Credits wear [*sic*] near on a Par, that they be both brought on the Books which was accordly [*sic*] Done. 9 APRIL

The Certificates on the Honble Court granted to Mr. Samuel Dutton having not been sent at the Attorneys Request, that sum was repaid to his Attorneys at their Request. 20 Do.

The Salt on board the Salingore Sloop turning out Short the Quantity agreed for its amount being $106. 2. 50 is paid back. It is agreed that $ 150 – – be paid the Deputy Governour for passage Money being the same Sum allowed John Walsh Esqr. which the Paymaster is ordered to Issue also that he pay for 2 Boats lost shipping of Pepper at Manna. 14 MAY — 16 Do. — 9 JUNE

The Trustees to the Estate of Mr. John Massey deceased Pay into Cash $ 1,350. 1. 51 Ballance Accot. Current entered after Consultation 15 June. 15 Do.

	Letters sent.	Letters received.	Consultations.
The Deficiency &ca. at Tallo, Ippoe and Croe being stated and Considered some were agread to be wrote off and explanations of others required as entered at full the 24 June.			24 JUNE
The Sugar &ca. Undertakers having delivered in a Quantity of both these Articles 2/3ds. its amount was paid them amounting to $ 1929–2 and the Account entered after Consultation 6 July.			6TH. JULY
The Attorneys of Mr. Samuel Dutton requesting $ 50 to be paid them for Hire a Colae in August 1756 bringing up Serjeant Moore from Croe, the same is agreed to and the Paymaster Ordered to discharge the Demand.			12 AUGT.

Ever since Nattall has been in the Hoñble Companys Possession regular Books have been kept which will fully show the Expences it has hitherto occasioned, as all expences incurred have been carried to its Debt, as these have hitherto gone home. Our Hoñble Masters will be clearly assertained in the Points mentioned by your Committee for this Coast.

The Ballance of our Hoñble Masters Cash here this day, is in Dollars Soocas and Cash $ 112093–1–47.

We are respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most humble Servants
RH. HARRIOTT. [*sic*]
JOSEPH GUNN.
JOHN GOODWIN.
ROBT. HAY.

FORT MALBRO
THE 15 SEPR. 1757.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Certificates we have granted on your honour &ca. Counsil by this Ship for Money received into Cash here as [*sic*] payable as follows Viz.

Setts—						
1	To Capt. Thomas Savage Payable to Mr. George Stratton or Order dated 31 August 1757	$ 1267	Pags.	767	31	50
1	To Ditto payable to Messrs. Josias Dupree aud James Alexander Dated Do.	558		338	6	43
1	To Ditto payable to the Reverend Mr. Samuel Stavely Dated Do. ..	337		204	8	58
1	To Ditto payable to Captain Edwd. Burman Dated Do.	3150		1909	3	20
1	To Ditto payable to himself Dated Do.	5400		3272	26	14
1	To Mr. John Williams payable Messrs. Josias Dupree and James Alexander Dated Do.	1000		606	2	14
1	To Captain Joseph Gablet payable to Mr. John Brohier Dated Do. ..	930		563	22	72
1	To Mr. George Freeth payable to Mr. Richd. Dawson Dated Ditto ...	1650		1000	—	—
1	To Mrs. Mary Pero payable to Mr. Thomas Pelling Dated Do. ..	300		181	29	36
1	To Mr. Wotten Braham payable to Captn. Edward Burman Dated Do.	2172		1316	13	7
		$ 16764	Pags.	10159	35	75 [*sic*]

Ten sets of Certificates amounting to Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four Spanish Dollars or Ten Thousand One Hundred and fifty Nine Pagodas, Thirty four [*sic*] Fanams & seventyfive Cash.

We are respectfully
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THE 15 SEPR. 1757.

COPY LIST OF PAPERS CONSULTATIONS, LETTERS SENT, LETTERS RECEIVED CONTAINED IN THE FORT MALBRO BOX PACKET FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ꝑ THE HARTOP SNOW VIZT.

No. 1 General Letter to the Honble the Presidt. & Council of Fort St. George Dated 15 Septr. 1757.
2 Duplicate General Letter to Do. Dated 8 Augt. 1757 ꝑ Tryal Sloop.
3 Copy General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated 27th. Febry. 1757 ꝑ Oxford.
4 Copy General Letter to the Presidt. & Council of Fort St. George dated 27 May 1757 ꝑ Sloop Marlbro.
5 Copy General Letter to Do. Do. Do. Do. 6th. May 1757 via Natall.
6 Copy General Letter to Do. Do. Do. Do. 21 April 1757 via Ditto.
7 Copy General Letter from Alexr. Hall dated Tapanooly 27 March 1757 to Mr. Randh. Marriott Resident at Nattall.
8 Copy General Letter from Captain Robert Jackson dated 30 July 1757 to the Deputy Governor & Council of Fort Marlborough.

9 Consultations broken Sett.		Commencing 21 July .. / Ending 31 Decemr. ..	1756
10 Ditto	Ditto	Commencing 1 Jañry .. / Ending 15 Septemr. ..	1757
11 Letters Sent Broken Sett		Commencing 23 July .. / Ending 31 Decemr. ..	1756
12 Ditto	Ditto	Commencing 1 Jañry .. / Ending 13 Septemr. ..	1757
13 Letters Recd. Broken Sett		Commencing 26 June .. / Ending 31 Decr. ..	1756
14 Ditto	Ditto	Commencing 1 Jañry .. / Ending 31 Augt. ..	1757

15 General Abstract of the Pepper Plantations on the West Coast of Sumatra as taken in the year 1755 & 1756 Compared.
16 Produce of Pepper at Fort Marlbro and its Dependencies in 1755 & 1756 Compared and produce from Primo May 1756 to Ulto. April 1757 and the Receits from thence to Ulto. July.
17 Account Current with the Arrack & Sugar undertakers dated 31st. July 1757.
18 List of Covenanted Servants on the West Coast of Sumatra 1757.
19 Indent of Wares wanted on account the Honble Company for the Year 1758.
20 Indent of Stores wanted on Account of the Honble Company for the Year 1758.
21 Copy List of Papers in the Fort Marlbro Packet for Fort St. George ꝑ Tryal Sloop.
22 List of Papers &ca. in the Fort Marlbro Box Packet.

FORT MARLBRO THE 15 SEPTEMR 1757.

JOHN GAYER,
Secrey.

No. 66.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honrable Sir & Sirs

By the Sloop Cuddalore which arrived here the 10 Inst. we received your favour of the 19th. November past and have also your several advices ℔ the Norfolk Princess Augusta and Watson Sloop, the latter was at Nattall & deliver'd her advices to the Resident there.

We shall pay a due attention to your Directions and give the ships as quick a Dispatch as possible and as your Honour &ca. have given us some Reason to expect a ship from Bengall, we have accordingly reserved about 150 Tons of pepper on that account and shall probably have about 200 Tons or upwards in readiness for her when she arrives.

Inclosed comes Copy of Captain Bakers Dispatch from this place. We are very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servts.

Fort Marlbro
the 20th. Jany. 1758.

Rh. Marriot.
Joseph Gunn.
John Goodwin.
Robt. Hay.

No. 67.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I addressed you by the Mermaid Sloop September 21 & by Patamar in Cypher Octr. 1st. I take this Opportunity of Informing you of the present Situation of Affairs here. The Companys Merchants have been with me were willing to carry on the Investment as formerly, Said they could furnish 200 Bales by January to begin now. They would have taken Money in advance now but waited to see our forces before they would chuse to contract for any large Quantity. Two of the Head Merchants have already agreed to furnish 1000 Bales to the Dutch. The Collecting in an Investment this year will in my oppinion entirely depend upon the success of our Expedition, we may look for the Embarkation every day. It is to be wish'd they may arrive very soon for Mr. Conflans with his Army are come over to this side of Rajabindry River & advance upon the Rajah in hopes undoubtedly of Engaging him before he be joined. They reckon it only 8 or 9 Days March from Rajabindry to Cassimeor. By the best intelligence I have had by Hircaras & from one who was some time in their Camp selling Liquors They have not above 300 soldiers Including about 60 of the Train 80 Officers about 3000 Seapoys and as many Lancemen &ca. Country forces 200 Country Horse 40 Pieces of Cannon some of them Battering Peices 60 odd Large shells & a good many small ones a number of Tumbrils. The Rajah has 30 Europeans good Men 60 Topasses 26 Millays betwixt 2 & 3000 Telingers & 300 Arabs all with Firelocks many of them good Arms Lancmen when all joined 8 or 10000, 500 Good Horse 12 ps. of Cannon but of Different Calibers and badly Regulated, he is a very young Lad, but extream brave & I believe hates heartily French faith & French Politicks. I don't think him strong enough as his Men are badly disciplined to

engage Conflans, he is also ill provided with Ammunition. He wrote me today that he was Informed Nezam Ali & Ibrahim Khan &ca. had left Aurungabad & were coming this way against the French that they were by this time at or near Heiderabad were Sullabut Jung now is. I dispatched Letters to Nezam Ali from the Hoñble the Governour of Fort William, but as yet the Peons are not returned. Conflans may retreat safely when he thinks us too strong for him & repass the River under Cover of Rajabindram Fort, they possess that & all the Boats Dunies & Juggaputraje and Nilloderow whose Lands lye on this side the River are with Mr. Confl[ans] and he has been very busy in receiving the Revenues of this Country, Perhaps Juggaputraje may have him, when he sees our Party strong about a month ago, the same Dutch Lad who was in their Camp was at Mussulipatam for several Days, they had then he says only 20 Soldiers & 20 Officers sick Invaled &ca. They had no reinforcement of 40 Men Landed from the French Europe Ship that touched their at that time. I had been told by a black Serang who came lately from that place that they had Landed 40 Men & Ammunition before they sailed for Pondicherry, the Dutch Ship from Batavia which she took of Sadrass & brought up their was since lost of Monuppatam. They have long heard of our Expedition and have been laying in Provision Water &ca. & Inlisting Seapoys, we have Collected all the Boats we could for the landing the Troops here and the rajah assures me we shall be furnished with Oxen Coolies &ca. Necessaries for our Army. Naraindoo is kept in Check at present by the Rajahs people upon the Gaijan River were he hoists French Colours he has hitherto made Little progress, he impedes our lepid [*sic*] greatly.

I am with respect
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servant
JOHN JOHNSTONE.

VIZAC.
12 OCTOBER 1758.

By the Pattamar I sent also Letters from the Rajah to the President.

No. 68.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF MADRAS.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclosed is Duplicate of our Last and this is to advise you that on the 4th. Instant Imported at Anjengo our Hoñble Masters Ship Pitt late Pondicherry French Indiaman with Lieutenant Colonel Draper and part of a Battalion of his Majesty's Troops on Board and sailed again the next day, the Remainder of which are on the Grafton & Sunderland as also Rhoda, Winchelsea Prince of Wales Tilbury Shaftesbury & Brittania which left England together in March for your Precidency. The Warren and London which left England the 22 April arrived at Madagascar the 2d. August, the Egmont left England in Company of the Pitt &ca. Ships, the Hardwick sailed from England in December and the Prince Henry and another Ship Vincent Commander in January, The Bombay Castles and Prince George were not sailed when the Warren left England nor any of our Ships.

The War still continues between England and France as does that between the King of Prusia and the other Powers of Germany, Rusia & Sweden but neither the Spaniards nor Dutch are engaged.

We have not received any advices from your Honour &ca. since those noticed in our last.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t^. Servants
THOS. HODGES.
TITUS [SCOTT].
THO[MAS SATCHWEY].
[WILLIAM TAYLER].

TELLICHERRY
29TH. SEPTEMBER 1758.

No. 69.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favoured with your Advices of the 13th. Aug[ust]. On the 15th. Ultimo imported our Honble Masters Ship Latham from Mocha, and will proceed hence, directly for Great Britain, but [we] have not yet any News of the Ships destined for this Presidency.

Another Schooner shall be built for the service of [the] West Coast, agreeable to your Honour &c. desire and We shall credit You the Amount of Customs, due from the Owners of the Nancy Snow, but that Vessel is not yet arrived.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
J. BYFELD.
W. YEDGWICKE.
WM. HORNBY.
JS. WHITEHILL.
SAML. HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE,
10TH. OCTR. 1758.

No. 70.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you under Date the 14th. and 20th. August by the Mermaid Sloop and have now to request that you will please to furnish this Presidency with Red Wood as usual for the Homeward bound ships to be dispatched from hence.

In case your Honor &c. find any difficulty in Selling the Ordinary Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes consigned you by Our Honble Masters We shall be able to assist you in the Disposal of those Articles at this Settlement where they are in Demand.

Captain Gaupp has frequently applied to us for the Payment of his Off [Reckon]ings, from the June 1756 since which time he says [has re]ceived any thing on that account But as his [. . . .] your Establishment and We could not tell [. . . .] might have to settle with your Paymaster [. . . .] to your Honor &c. to be paid what may [. . . .] him on adjusting his Accounts.

Captain M[. . . .] who came out on the Hardwick upon your [Establishment] has been advanc'd his Pay for July, August and September [at] this Place by his particular Request.

We are

Fort William
the 12th. September 1758.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Robert Clive.
Wm. Watts.
Frans. Forde.
C. Manningham.
Richd. Becher.
Paul Richard Pearkes.
[. . . .]
[. . . .]

No. 71.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour
of Fort St. George &ct. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed you will receive Invoice & Bills of Lading for Sundries consigned to your Honour &ca. ℔ Ship Thames amounting to Current Rups. 10956 – – and We request yr. Honour &ca. will use the utmost dispatch in unloading & returning her to the Bay.

We are

Fort William
the 23d. Septr. 1758.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Robert Clive.
C. Manningham.
Paul Richard Pearkes
Wm. Franklad.
M. Collet.
W. Mackett.
Thos. Boddam.

No. 72.

To the Honble [George Pigot] Esqr.
President & Governo[ur
of Fort St.] George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

[Permit me] to embrace this first Opportunity to inform you of my Arrival here the 21st. last Month, Colonel Forde and the Rajah were then on their March towards Rajahmundrum, and had got so far as Satteram before they

receiv'd the news of my being here, upon which the Colonel stopped the Camp, and desir'd me to join them, I did, and was happy enough to adjust Matters between them to the satisfaction of both Parties, and I hope will prove so to your Honour &ca. Viz[t].

That all Plunder should be equally devided.

That all Conquered Countrys should be deliver'd to the Rajah and that he should Collect the Revenues.

The Sea Ports, Rivers, with the Towns upon them, and their dependances, should be in the Possession of the Company, and the Revenues arising thence received by them.

That no Treaty, for the disposal or Redelivery of the said Countrys be entered into without Consent of both Parties.

That the Rajah is to allow Colonel Forde fifty Thousand Rupees ℔ Month for the Expence of the Camp, Commencing from the time they Anchorred at this Barr. The first Payment to be made, upon our Putting him in possession of Rajahmundrum and Monthly afterwards.

That he also Pay the Officers six Thousand Rupees ℔ Month, in consideration of the great Expence they are at, the Payments to be made as before.

The above Preliminarys Settled I addressed him for the Grants of some Countrys round about this Place in favour of the Company, he at first agreed to Norway and [as] many Village, as would have brought in about fifty Thousand Rupees ℔ Annum. But upon Recollection, desired to know what Number of Troops the Company would keep [here] That whatever the Number was, from One to five hundred if I would Assure him of their Contenuance [*sic*] & assistance, he would Allot me such Revenues, as should be sufficient to Answer all their Charges. The Consideration of the large Sum he had just before Agreed to Pay [the Company] for the Camp Charges. The reasonableness of [. . .] sent question joind to my own incapacity to answer [. . .] pressing him any further upon that head [. . .] would mention it to your Honour &c[a]. and acq[uaint . . .] your Resolutions.

On the 7th. in the morning [. . .] French at Chumboole, about Twelve [. . .] The [. . .] was Close [. . .] Possession of their Tents, Baggage and Twenty five Pieces of Cannon took six Officers and fifty Men Prisoners for further Particulars I referr your Honour &c[a]. to M[r]. Forde's Letter to me, Copy of which I now inclose the President.

The 11th. Instant I dispatch'd the Hardwick Captain Samon, and the two Sloops, Clive and Forde to block up Yanam River. The French having three Vessells lying there ready loaded for the Islands, and which they will doubtless upon this Change of Affairs endeavour to dispatch.

I have also wrote the whole of these Occurrences, to the President at Fort William ℔ the Mermaid Sloop who was dispatch'd last Night.

The Tedious Passage I mett with hither, the time I lost in going to the Camp; The confusion of the Country occasioned by some of the Hill Jemmedars Plundering in the absence of the Rajah added to the uncertainty of our success, has hitherto prevented me from doing anything Considerable in the Investment. The People who have to this time been hiding themselves and Effects, begin now to appear, but I find most of the Ready made Cloth, is the Refuse of the Dutch, and would greatly Prejudice our future Trade, should I consent to take it and the remaining time is too short to make much New Cloth Yet no endeavours of mine shall be wanting.

I found this Place in much worse Condition than I [expected] every House has been stripped of its Doors & Windows, s[. . .] covered, Out Houses

distroy'd for the sake of the Wood &c^a^. [. . . .] I believe in general has suffered more from the Rajahs [. . . .] and the Inhabitants that remained here, than by any [depre]dations of the French.

In blowing up the Fort Walls, the Explosion has [. . .] the wall of the back Terrass; I found it supported with [. . .] running up a Wall within the Old one, to prevent [. . .] The Fort [. . . .] House inconvenient as well as a great Eyesore both to that and the Garden House, which with your Honours &c^a^. Permission I shall remove.

I shall as occasion offers, send you the Needfull Advices and at present only add, that I am with the greatest Esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

VIZAGAPATAM — Your most Obed^t^. & most Hble Servt.

14TH. DECEMBER 1758. — JOHN ANDREWS.

DEAR SIR

I have the Pleasure to inform you that I engaged the French this Morning at Ten of the Clock, and that I have gained a Compleat Victory. I cannot inform you of the Particulars exactly of the slain, As I persued them three miles over the Field of Battle to their Tents, which I am now in Possession of. We have Six Officers Prisoners, and fifty Men; And at least twenty five Pieces of Cannon, and hope in three or four days more to give a better Account of them, as I intend to pursue them with all diligence to Rajahmundry or whereever they go. If the Rajah and his People had not behaved so dastardly as they did, there would not have a single Man escaped. Please to send Copys of this to Madras and Bengal, as [I] am so much fatigued that I cannot possibly write any more at present. In a few days time I shall write more full[y].

I am

GULLAPOOL. — DEAR SIR

7TH. DECR. 1758. — Your most [obed^t^. & most hble servant]

[. . .]

Captain Adnett is killed, Captain Donnellan [. . .] Moran & Mr. Johnson Wounded, Mr. [. . .] on his breast by a Mus[ter . . .] immedia[tely . . .]

No. 73.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Captain Wedderburn being yet in the Road gives me an opportunity of inclosing your Honour &c^a^. Copy of a Letter I last night received from Colonel Forde, by which you will be inform'd of the Progress he has made And the dastardly Behaviour of the Rajah.

I am dispatching People with Nine suits of Colours, to hoist at the underwritten Places, and to take Possession of them in the Honble Companys Name.

I must Request that your Honour &c^a^. will upon the Arrival of the Ships, send me as soon as opportunity Offers, such a proportion of Madeira as you shall think necessary for the use of this Settlement, Also some Additional Pipes for the use of the Camp, the Colonel and all the Officers being in want.

As the Country will now be open to Us, and our Trade I believe flourish, I hope you will send a further supply of Cash by the first Opportunity. I am with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed[t]. & most Hble Serv[t].
JOHN ANDREWS.

[VIZA]GAPATAM
[16] DEC[R]. 1758.

PONDA MARCA
[WITTARRA]
[. . .]

[. . .] Towns of less Note will be Accoun[ted]

[*a line lost*].

DEAR SIR

This moment I received your favour of the 6th. and am much obliged to you for the care you have taken in my affairs, for which I shall always retain a Greatefull remembrance.

The Action of the 7th. has been attended with as much success, as our most sanguine friends could have excepted, Yesterday at break of day my Seapoys got to the River side, just time enough to seize all their bullocks, fifteen Europeans, and a great quantity of Publick as well as Private Stores. A boat load of Men had just put off, and our People fired at them for half an hour, and must certainly have killed Numbers of them, upon our firing they abandon'd four Guns & a 13 Inch Mortar they had got at the other side of the River, So that they have not saved either Gun, Mortar or Ammunition belonging to their whole Army, by all Accounts there have not more than a hundred and fifty French Passed the River, their army consisted of five hundred Europeans, the day of the Battle, and five thousand Seapoys with Europe Arms, besides Horse and Country Troops, And Ours about four hundred and thirty Europeans, Officers included, and Eighteen hundred Seapoys besides the Rajahs People; The Rajah himself is the Greatest Paltroon I ever saw, and the Greatest Fool also, neither he nor one of his People; (except Bristow alone) stood above five Minutes after the Cannonading began; they got into a large Tank in our Rear, but when they saw us pursuing the French and that we had beat them away from their Guns, they began to venture out, but all I could say or do, not one [. . .] Horse or foot, wou'd Pursue the Enemy one foot [. . .] We advanced, if they had not been worse [. . .] must have taken every Man of the Fren[ch . . .] not even March with Us the next day [. . .] Dead and I have not seen him or an [. . .] is near Peddapore and writes me [. . .] there till Naradar Row comes to Pay him homage, otherwise he must fight him.

Copy.

If Samson is not yet gone order him away immediately with or without the Sloops, and turn M[r]. Hilliard out of his Sloop and put in the person you mention in your Letter.

I am
DEAR SIR
Your most obed[t]. Hble Servant
FRANS. FORDE.

RAJAHMUNDRUM
11TH. DEC[R]. 1765.

MR. ANDREWS.

No. 74.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour
of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The Thames being yet detain'd by Captain Wedderburns illness, I have the Pleasure to inclose you some account of the Killed and Wounded, and the several Captures made by Us, Which is the best I can collect, from what Letters I have received.

I am with Great Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Hble Servant
John Andrews.

Vizagapatam
19th. Decr. 1758.

P.S. I believe the Colonel is er'e this march'd for Matchlepatam [. . .] that my next will give the account of his Possessing it.

The Country this way is in the greatest Confusion [. . . In]cursions of the hill Rajahs and I am afraid will not [. . .] till the Return of the Camp.

English

Captain Adnett—Killed.

Captain Donnellan—Shott through the Legg.

Mr. Mc.Gwire—Slightly Wounded.

Mr. Johnstone—Wounded in the Groin, in a fair way of Recovery.

Lieutenant Wick—Dangerously Wounded.

Lieutenant Murran—Wounded in the thigh.

Lieutenant Tabby—Slightly wounded.

Between 30 & 40 Europeans killed Wounded & Missing.

French.

French Officers ..
- 3 or 4 killed in the Action, leaving dead on the field.
- 3 Died of their Wounds the same Evening.
- 5 or 6 Wounded, sent along with our Wounded Gentlemen to the Dutch Factory till they are able to be removed to Vizagapatam.
- 2 not Wounded—On their Parole I believe gone with the Rest or else at Vizagapatam before this reaches.

I cant say what Number of Private, though by the Dead on the Field of Action, and the Bodys found on the Road since, they lost Treble our number.

I have not yet got the Particulars of all taken, but the following is the Principal Vizt.

Between 30 & 40 Pieces of Cannon, most of them Brass about fifty Tumbrels & Ammunition Carts.

Seven or Eight Mortars with Shells &ca. from a 13 Inch downwds.

A great Quantity of Powder, Gun & Musket Ammunition with about one thousand Draught bullocks Besides The Camp Equipage, and a Great deal of Good French Furniture found at Rajahmundrum; all destroy'd by the Seapoys.

No. 75.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you under the 10th. Ultimo, and have since received your favour of the 11th. September.

Our Hon~ble Masters ship Latham proceeded for Great Britain on the 8th. instant, and on the 15th. imported here, the Rhoda, Tilbury, Prince of Wales, Winchelsia, Shaftesbury & Britannia from thence, under Convoy of the Grafton and Sunderland Men of War, by which we learn, that the Pitt, Warran & London had left St. Augustines, destined for your Place, and as the Pitt touched at Anjengo the 4th. September, We hourly expect to hear of their Arrival, with you.

Agreable to your Honour &ca. desire, We shall send both the Vessels building for the service of the West Coast, to your Presidency, when compleated.

We are
Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
Rd. Bourchier.
J. Byfeld.
W. Yeagwicke [*sic*]
W. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Saml. Hough.

Bombay Castle
18th. November 1758.

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